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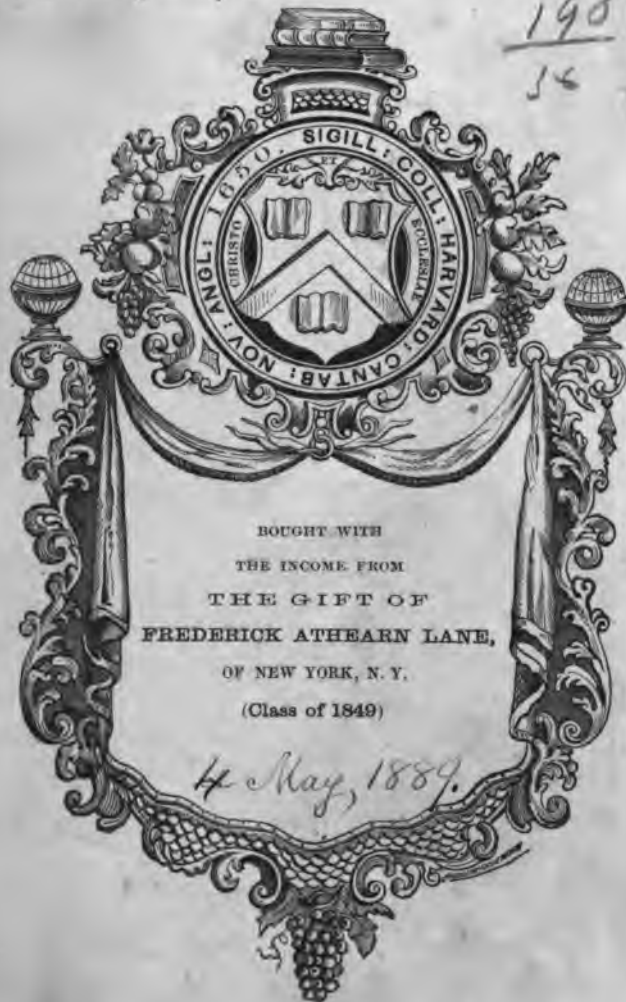
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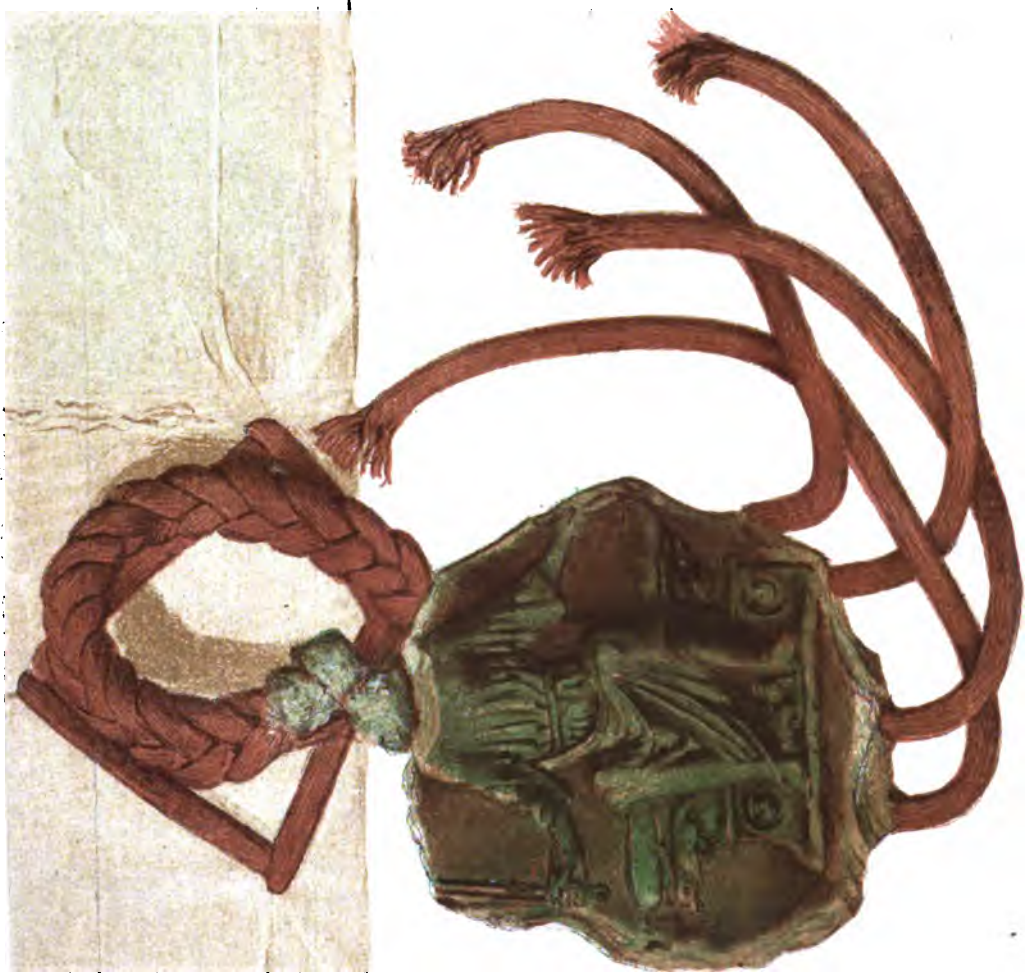
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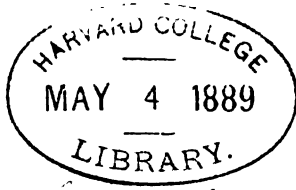
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PREFACE.

As I have long taken an interest in everything that relates to the Borough of Chesterfield, it appeared to me that if the Charters belonging to the Corporation were published, the Burgesses would then see how their Corporate rights have from time to time been acquired, and how their predecessors have staunchly endeavoured to uphold the same.

I have fortunately been able to obtain some of the most important Charters relating to the Borough which had not been in the possession of the Corporation for a considerable number of years, and these I have restored to the Town Clerk, who is by Statute the keeper of the Corporate Records, subject to the direction of the Council.

In the volume now before you much information will be found relating to the early history of the town, which I believe has never before been published.

I consider myself fortunate in having secured the services of that eminent antiquary, Mr. Pym Yeatman, who has carefully gone through the Charters and translated the same.

GEO. EDWD. GEE, *Mayor.*

CHESTERFIELD,
12th July, 1884.

INTRODUCTION.

THE Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of the Crown of England, here printed, give a complete history of the Charter rights of the Borough of Chesterfield, but it must be noted that this class of rights forms the least important portion of the privileges of the Town, since the most valuable depend upon the Law of Prescription; this is expressly recited in the third Charter of Queen Elizabeth, page 70, and, indeed, these prescriptive rights are directly preserved in all the three Charters of King John, printed at pages 2, 21, and 25, where he uses the same words, excepting from the power of the Lords William and Richard Brewer, all those who had liberties in the Borough, "*illi qui prius ibi libertates habuerunt*," and all succeeding Kings, with Queen Elizabeth herself, expressly confirm all the rights and liberties (of course including this exemption) granted by King John. What the prescriptive rights were may be learnt from two Charters, or rather Certificates, printed at pages 47 and 71, those of King Edward IV. and Queen Elizabeth, which prove that the prescriptive rights of Chesterfield are those of a Borough of the ancient demesne of the Crown of England. It is to be noted that King Edward IV. is the only King who had granted a Charter to the Borough of Chesterfield from the time of King Henry III. to that of King Henry VII., a period of more than 250 years, and the Certificate and Charter of Confirmation of Queen Elizabeth are both sealed the same day, proving how highly the Burgesses of Chesterfield valued their prescriptive privileges, and, perhaps, also they are indicative of the slight value they placed upon the Royal Charters.

Mr. John Cutts, the Town Clerk of Chesterfield, has given every possible facility, within the limits of safety, to inspect and examine the Records still remaining in his charge. As Town Clerk, Mr. Cutts himself in the year 1857, shortly after his appointment, took the wise precaution of causing to be printed a list of "all charters, deeds, books, books of account, and all documents and effects belonging to the Corporation of Chesterfield" at that date, an abstract of which will be found printed in this book. Every one of these charters and documents are now in his custody and possession. All those—the great majority of them—which appeared to be of value either to the Corporation and Burgesses, or of interest to historical students, will be found here printed.

That this list is far, very far, short of what the Corporation possessed about a hundred years ago is evident from the list hereafter printed, entitled "A Schedule of Papers in the Corporation chest, 1789," which, through the kindness of Mr. G. S. Cockayne, Lancaster Herald, was found amongst the late Dr. Pegge's papers, now deposited in the Heralds' College. This list is printed, not only to supply all the evidence at present available of the contents of the lost charters, but in the hope that if they should by any means be discovered they should be restored to the Borough. Considering the high reputation of Dr. Pegge as a careful and skilful genealogist, the town of Chesterfield is fortunate in possessing such good secondary evidence of the contents of the lost charters, and although the notices are but too frequently only scant and fragmentary, still, they incidentally convey information of the highest value and interest, which is not now to be obtained from any other source. This list also furnishes evidence of a great loss of especial significance. From a note of Dr. Pegge's to No. 45, "The old transcript of King John's Charter to Wm. Brewer, Ao. 17," it appears that at that period the Black Book of Chesterfield was in existence, for a comparison of the transcript with the copy entered in the Black Book is made, and it is declared to be "fuller." Few Cor-

porations are so fortunate as to have possession of these Black or Red Books, as they were sometimes called, and it is remarkable to find that the Chesterfield book was existing within so short a period, and, indeed, it affords a hope that it yet may be discovered and restored.

The great Red Book of the town of Nottingham existed till the year 1724, when a calamitous fire occurred in the Town Clerk's office and consumed it with many other precious Records. Fortunately, however, valuable abstracts had been made by several of the Town Clerks, and it is from these sources that the town of Chesterfield depends for much of the evidence of the earlier Charters and customs affecting it; in this respect Chesterfield has a great advantage, since it now possesses a perfect and remarkable series of Original Royal Charters. No abstract or account of the Chesterfield Black Book could be found amongst Dr. Pegge's papers, or the very valuable collection of the late Mr. Swift, but from the note before mentioned by Dr. Pegge it is evident that it contained information of the highest value; possibly an abstract by him or by some other antiquary may be existing elsewhere, and if it should be discovered it is hoped that a copy may be communicated to the Borough. This book would, no doubt, contain many Charters, the originals of which are now lost, including, perhaps, the Charter of William Brewer, the elder, which is referred to in subsequent documents, and possibly it would contain the only existing evidence of their contents; many facts of interest relating to the laws and customs of the Borough, which, owing to the fact that it had no Court of Record, are now forgotten, might be obtained from this book.

This loss, however, can in some measure be supplied by the aid of "The Nottingham Records," recently published. Nottingham having had a Court of Record at least as early as 1303, and probably much earlier, has preserved in a durable form a great corpus of Municipal law of great value and interest. This directly concerns the

town of Chesterfield, because by a singular circumstance we are without any information in the Royal Charters of what nature were the Chesterfield customs, each and all of them referring to the Nottingham customs and declaring them to be similar. This omission is, however, in a great measure supplied by the curious series of Charters hereafter printed, commencing with Wake's Charter and followed by Gryssop's composition, and that of the date of Queen Elizabeth, terminating with the award of the Earl of Shrewsbury, which specify many of the customs. It is, however, very curious that so little is expressed in the Royal Charters since the county in which Chesterfield is situated is not Nottingham, although at the time of the Conquest, and for long after, both Nottingham and Derby were under the control of the same Earl (Tofti), and the same Sheriff (Hugh fil Baldric, a member of the great family of Toesni, or Todini, whose connections, the Albinis, held feudal sway over the neighbouring counties of Lincoln, Leicester, and Rutland). Wake's Charter, however, whilst it recites several special customs, but only some of those affecting the Borough, like the Royal Charters expressly includes the Nottingham customs.

It is said by Glover that the Manor of Chesterfield had a Court of Record for actions under £20, but no trace of its records can be discovered, and certainly no Courts are now held, nor does the Public Record Office contain any Court Rolls of the Manor whilst it was in the hands of the Crown, with one exception, of the 2nd and 3rd Philip and Mary, when a great Court of the King and Queen was held there (Portfolio No. 6., No. 63); it is, however, very meagre in detail, and does not disclose the form of the business—it only contains 6 entries—Sir James Foljambe was fined four shillings for default of doing the service that he owed, that is for absenting himself from the Court. Ralf Leake and John Rhodes were fined the same amount, and John Bullock was fined twopence, whilst Thomas Gyles and Edward Bannall were each fined sixpence with

respect to a dealing with a moiety of a messuage, toft, &c., in Bagthorpe.

It has been doubted whether the Chesterfield of Domesday was the Chesterfield of to-day, and whether the latter was not excluded from Domesday. It seems incredible that it could have been really described as a hamlet of Newbold—a place never probably of any consequence. The history of the two places, their geographical position, and the undoubted fact that Chesterfield was the Roman city, the capital of this district, the great emporium of the metal merchants for centuries previously, whilst Newbold had nothing whatever to commend it—lying as it does in a comparatively subordinate position—has naturally raised doubts in the minds of those who have interested themselves upon this question, but a little reflection must satisfy the enquirer that Chesterfield, as described amongst the King's demesnes, was that place which had superiority over the district in the time of the Romans, and ever since the memory of man. Newbold, though an inferior place in many respects, may have been the centre of a large population outside the camp (*castra*), where possibly it was not permitted to erect houses for the poorer sort, or perhaps any dwellings, in the time of the pre-Roman Britons, and the Bailiff of the district may have resided there. At the time of the Domesday Survey the history of the place would have small attractions for him—doubtless a Norman—and for his own convenience he may have classified the district in the manner in which we find it in Domesday, but it is far more probable that it is so described because the older Domesdays described it in the same manner; and it is singularly corroborative of this idea that in after days, down even so late as the reign of Queen Elizabeth, when Newbold, if it ever had any importance in the district had lost it entirely, that the order in which they are mentioned (curiously omitting Newbold altogether) is precisely that of the order of Domesday—Wittinton, Brimington, Tapton, Chesterfield, Buttorp, and Echintune; nay, the

very spelling of the names, which by that time had considerably varied, is copied from Domesday, shewing that the writ is copied from the Book of Domesday itself. We learn the true meaning of these charters from Fitzherbert (p. 221 *Natura Brevium*). He states: "Tenants in ancient demesne, by the custom of the realm, ought to be quit of toll, &c., in every market, fair, town, or city throughout the realm, and upon that every one of them may sue to have letters patent under the King's seal to all the King's officers, and to mayors, bailiffs, &c." This writ is granted when the citizens or burgesses of any city or borough have been quit of toll throughout the realm by grants of the King's progenitors, or by prescription. Where charters are the source of the exemption they are set out in the writs. The letters granted to Chesterfield mention no grant, and therefore show that the right was by prescription. The separate certificates relating to Chesterfield, coming as they do at periods when and after changes had been made in the exact tenure of the Manor, are of the greatest value in proof of the preservation of the rights of the tenants of this Manor, which otherwise possibly might have been in dispute in consequence of the various Royal charters which appear to affect them, but it may be taken positively that notwithstanding the very curious and interesting series of Royal charters affecting the borough, it was never intended by the Crown, even if it had the power to do so, and consequently it may be affirmed that the Crown never did, disturb these ancient rights, and that they exist intact to this day.

It may be asked, of what use is it that it should be proved that Chesterfield is a place of ancient demesne of the Crown? and if it is so proved, do any privileges worth possession now remain? Certainly it is of great value to prove it, and certainly, if so proved, all the privileges still remain; it matters not that they have been lost or encroached upon, for there is an old maxim of the law applicable, "*Nullus tempus occurrit Regi*," there is no statute of limitations against the Crown. The Crown can at any moment

resume its rights which for any length of time have been lost or laid aside or unused, and as a corollary the tenants of the Crown can at any time reclaim their rights, because they are a privilege of the Crown itself, and any tenant of ancient demesne of the Crown can even now avail himself of these ancient privileges, he can refuse to serve on juries at Assizes or Sessions, or to pay County rates for certain purposes, as road making, bridge making, and so forth, which in old days were called the "*Trinoda necessitas*." Fitzherbert has preserved the ancient forms of writs for preserving and claiming these privileges, and modern legislation has not destroyed but only changed them; it is open at the present day for any Burgess to assert his individual claims, and, apparently, any Burgess on his own behalf or for the Corporation might apply for similar letters patent, to those granted by Edward IV. and Queen Elizabeth declaratory of their rights and privileges.

The Charters of Queen Elizabeth (the 3rd of her reign) and King Charles II. are printed from the excellent translation made for Mr. Ford's "*History of Chesterfield*." It was thought unnecessary to print the original Latin of these lengthy documents.

Thanks are due to His Grace the Duke of Devonshire and to Mr. F. J. S. Foljambe, of Osberton, Notts., for very kindly giving access to their invaluable collections of ancient Muniments, some of which throw an important light upon the History of the Borough; also to Mr. Benjamin Bagshawe, Mr. J. D. Leader, F.R.S., Mr. Sidney O. Addy, to the Rev. J. F. Fowler, and to Mr. Sam Geo. Johnson, the Town Clerk of Nottingham, for their aid in determining difficult points in the construction and elucidation of these documents.

PYM YEATMAN.

SPRINGFIELD HOUSE,

Sheffield, 16th July, 1884.

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Royal Charters

Granted to the Lords of the Manor of Chesterfield
and to the Burgesses of the same Borough.

I.—CHARTER OF KING * * * TO WILLIAM BREWER,
CONFIRMING THE GRANT OF THE BOROUGH OF CHES-
TERFIELD, WITH OTHER MANORS, &C., AT FEE FARM.

E ROT. CART. ANTIQ., (A.A. 20) now deposited at the Public
Record Office.

*N.B.—The outside edge of this roll has been damaged, and the name of the
Grantor is gone, as well as the beginning of each line. These parts are
indicated by brackets [] There is a transcript of this roll in the
Record Office, written by Mr. Edward Bond, some thirty years since,
shewing that this damage is of old date. For presumed date of this
Record see Preface.*

[* * *] Di gra Rex Angl, &c., Sciatis nos dedisse
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t hedibus suis maniu nrm de Cestrefeld in Derbysyr cu
Briweton t Witenton t soca t toto wapeltac de Scarvedel
[] cu omibus integritatibus¹ t pertinenciis suis tened ad
feodi firma ei et heredibus suis de nobis et heredibus nrs
reddedo annuati de predico Cestrefeld t Brumint t
Witenton t soca—sexaginta t nove libr nuo t de pdicto

¹ "Integritatibus"—It is difficult to give this word a correct meaning. Ducange gives a user of the word, Carta Caroli C Regis Francie ann 845 in Tabulario sc Mauri ad Ligerim "Has denique res cum omni integritate, id est, cum colonis et servis ibi commanentibus cum domibus et suprapositis cum terris cultis et incultis." None of these meanings would suit a mercantile town where all men were free at this date, and where there were no fields to cultivate, the generic term "members" is therefore given.

wapentac [] de Scarnedale dece libr nuo ad Scaccr nra Westm. p manu suo vel hered suor sciliz medietate ad scarr pasc et mediatate ad scarr Sci Michael Volum etia q pdcum Maniu de Cestrefeld cu oibus pertinenciis suis [] hat easde libtates et libas consuetudines qus burgus nra de Nottingha ht i oibus locis t oibus rebs ita tam qd Burgi nris Notingh t Derbi libtates suas qs hnt t hre debent no amittnt Volum t qd eade [] Chestrefeld sit liber burgs ita tam qd nullus burgens vel mercator in ea vel int pdic wapentac vel in socca hat libtates t libas consuetudines ni p ipsu Will Briwerr vel p heredes suis [] ni illi qui priq ibi libertates habuerunt Concedimus t eide Willo Briwerr t hedibus suis [] q hant apud Cestrefeld una feria singlis annis i exaltacoe Sci Crucis p octo dies duratim et ptrea unu mercatu ibidem singulis sept p.duos dies scil die Martis et die Sabbati cu omnibus libertatibus t librs consuetudinibs ad feria et mercatu pertinentibus et qd Theloneu capiatr in prdict feria t mercato ab oibus illi qui libtates no habuerit t dedimus t concessimus eid Willo t heredibus suis maniu nrm de Snodington in Notinghaschyre t maniu nrm de Axeminster in Devon cu oibus itegrtatibus t ptinenciis eor excepto hundr de Axeminstr Tenenda ad feodi firma ei et hdibus suis de nob t hedibus nris redd annuati de Snodington octo libr nuo t [] Axemenistr xxx t quatuor lib nuo ad predict Scaccr p manu suo vel heredu suor ad pdict trminos et qd hant ap Axemenistr unu mercatu sing sept die donica sic ibi ee consuevit t pteria piscaria nram de Kingeswere in Sumsat cu oibus ptinenciis suis tenend ad feodi firma ei t hedibus suis de nobis t hedibus nris redd in annuati xx sol nuo ad pdict Scaccr p manu suu vel heredu suoru ad pdicos trminos ita qd pdict Wills Briwerr t heredes sui post eu hat t teneat prdic maniu de Cestrefeld cu Brumint t Witenton t soca t toto

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maniu de Axemenistr cu oibus ptinenciis suis exceptis
hundredo de Axemenistre t pdcam [] piscaria de
Kingeswere ad feod firma reddo ind annuati cetu t duo-
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cessimus eide Willo Briwerr reditu Pet de Sandiacre qd
nob debuit de terr quam ht de nob i excambiu p terr de
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Briwerr t heredes sui post eu hant t teneant cu oibus
libertatibus t itegrtatibus t oibus ptinenciis suis ad feodi
firma p pdicam firma t p servitiu [¹] feodi uni milit p oi
servitis t omi demanda adeo ben t i pace libe t quiete
honorifice sic nos vel ancessoris nri illa unqm meli liberi
et integri habuimus solita et quieta de Syris t hundr t
wapentac t sectis eor t de oibus placitis querelis [exatio-
nibus exceptis hiis] q ad Corona nra ptinet T Dno J
Norwic Datu p manu Hug de Well Archied Welles
apud Clarendon vicesimo septimo die Septemr anno regni
nri Sexto.

(Translation of the above.)

[* * *] by the Grace of God—King of England,
&c. Know ye that we have given, granted, and by
this our present charter have confirmed to William
Brewer and his heirs our Manor of Chesterfield, in
Derbyshire, with Briweton and Witenton, and the
soke and whole wapentake of Scarsdale [] with all
its members and appurtenances to hold at fee farm to
him and to his heirs of us and of our heirs, paying
annually for the said Chesterfield and Brumenton, and

¹ It will be seen by reference to the Charter granted to Richard, son of this William Brewer, that the service was only of "two parts" of a Knight's fee, but his grant only included part of the premises, the subject of this grant.

Witenton and Soke, 69 pounds of money, and for the said wapentake [] of Scarsdale, £10 of money into our exchequer of Westminster by his own hand or by the hands of his heirs, that is to say half at the term of Easter and half at the term of St. Michael; we will also that the said Manor of Chesterfield, with all its appurtenances [] shall have the same liberties and free customs which our boroughs of Nottingham possess in all places and in all things, so nevertheless that our boroughs of Nottingham and Derby shall not lose the liberties which they possess and should have; and we will that the said Chesterfield shall be a free Borough, so that no Burgess or Merchant within it, or within the said wapentake or in the soke, shall have liberties and free customs unless by him the said William Brewer or thro' his heirs, *except those who before this time there had liberties.*¹ We grant also that the same William Brewer and his heirs shall have a fair at Chesterfield in each year, at the exaltation of the Holy Cross, for eight days' duration, and besides a market there of two days in each week, that is to say on Tuesday and Saturday, with all the liberties and free customs pertaining to fairs and markets, and that Toll shall be taken in the said fair and markets from all those who do not possess privileges of exemption. Besides we have given and granted to the same William Brewer and his heirs our Manor of Snodington, in Nottinghamshire, and our Manor of Axminster, in Devonshire, with all its members and appurtenances, except the hundred of Axminster, to hold to fee farm to him and to his heirs of us and of our heirs, paying annually for Snodington £8 of money, and for Axminster £34 of money into

¹ The words printed in italics are omitted from all the Charters of Confirmation after that which King John granted to Wm. Brewer, the younger, but Henry III. especially preserves the liberties granted by King John.

our said exchequer by his hands or by the hands of his heirs at the said terms, and that he shall have at Axminster one market each week, upon Sunday, as they are there accustomed, and besides, our fishery of Kingswere, in Somersetshire, with all its appurtenances, to hold to fee farm to him and to his heirs of us and of our heirs, paying annually for it twenty shillings of money to our said exchequer by his hands or by the hands of his heirs at the said terms, so that the said William Brewer and his heirs after him shall have and hold the said Manor of Chesterfield, with Brumenton and Witenton, and the soke and the whole wapentake of Scarsdale, with all its appurtenances, and the said Manor of Snodington with all its appurtenances, and the said Manor of Axminster with all its appurtenances, except the hundred of Axminster and the said Fishery of Kingswere, to fee farm, paying annually 112 pounds¹ of money into our exchequer at Westminster, by his hands or by the hands of his heirs at the said terms as is aforesaid. Besides we have given and granted to the same William Brewer the rent of Peter of Sandiacre, which he owes to us for the land which he holds of us in exchange for the land of Horsley. Wherefore we will and especially command that the said William Brewer and his heirs after him shall have and hold, with all liberties and *members* and all appurtenances, to fee farm for the said farm and by the service of [] one Knight's fee for all services and all demands, and that well and peacefully, freely and quietly and honourably as we or our ancestors ever better more freely completely held them free and quit of shires

¹ The correct computation counting Kingswere fishery at one pound is £122. Glover in his history of Derbyshire, Vol. II., pt. 1, p. 298 states that the payment for Axminster was £24, and for Kingswere £20. The probability is that his copy was correct as to Axminster but wrong as to Kingswere. Glover gives the date of the Charter as 1204.

and hundreds and wapentakes, and of their suits and of all pleas, complaints [exactions, except those] which to our crown belong. As Witness The Lord J. Norwich. Given by the hand of Hugo de Well, Archdeacon of Wells, at Clarendon, the 29th day of September, in the 6th year of our Reign.

II.—CHARTER OF KING HENRY II. TO THE BURGESSES OF NOTTINGHAM, REFERRED TO IN THE CHARTERS GRANTED TO THE BURGESSES OF CHESTERFIELD.

(Printed from the RECORDS OF THE BOROUGH OF NOTTINGHAM, 1882.)

[1155—1165.]

'H[ENRICUS] Rex Angliae, et Dux Normanniae et Aquitanniae, et Comes Andegaviae, archiepiscopis, episcopis, comitibus, baronibus, justitiariis, vicecomitibus, ministris, et omnibus fidelibus suis Francis et Anglis totius Angliae, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse, et hac mea carta confirmasse, Burgensibus de Noting[ham] omnes illas liberas consuetudines quas habuerunt tempore Regis Henrici avi mei; scilicet, Tol et Theam, et Infangenetheof, et Thelonea, a Thurmotestona usque ad Newerc', et de omnibus Trentam transeuntibus, ita plenarie ut in burgo de Noting[ham]; et ex alia parte a duito ultra Rempes-tunam usque ad aquam de Radeford in Nort. Homines etiam de Noting[ham]scir' et de Derbisir' venire debent ad burgum de Noting[ham] die Veneris et Sabbati, cum quadrigis et summagiis suis: nec aliquis infra decem leucas in circuitu de Noting[ham] tinctos pannos operari debet, nisi in burgo de Notingh[am]. Et si aliquis, undecunque sit, in burgo de Noting[ham] manserit anno 1155 et die uno, tempore pacis, absque calumpnia, nullus

¹his charter has been printed from a duplicate among the Government records, *see* *Foedera*, ed. 1816, i. 41, and from thence in Prof. Stubbs' *Select Charters*,

postea nisi rex in eum jus habebit. Et quicumque burgensium terram vicini sui emerit, et possederit per annum integrum et diem unum, absque calumpnia parentum vendentis, si in Anglia fuerint, postea eam quiete possidebit; neque praeposito burgi de Notingh[am] aliquem burgensium calumpnianti respondeatur, nisi alius fuerit accusator in causa. Et quicumque in burgo manserit, cujuscunque feodi sit, reddere debet simul cum burgensibus taillagia, et defectus burgi adimplere. Omnes etiam qui ad forum de Notingh[am] venerint a vespere diei Veneris usque ad vesperam Sabbati, non namientur, nisi pro firma regis. Et iter de Trenta liberum esse debet navigantibus quantum pertica una optinebit ex utraque parte fili aquae. Quare volo et firmiter praecipio quod praedicti Burgenses praedictas consuetudines habeant et teneant bene et in pace, et libere, et quiete, et honorifice, et plenarie, et integre, sicut habuerunt tempore Regis H[enrici] avi mei. Testibus: Ricardo de Hum[et] Conest[abulario], Willelmo de Braosio, Willelmo de Caisneto, Willelmo de Lanvalei, Rann[ulfo] Vic[ecomite] de Notingh[am].¹ Apud Eborac[um].

4151.

(Translation.)

HENRY, King of England, and Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, and Earl of Anjou, to his archbishops, bishops, earls, barons, justiciaries, sheriffs, ministers, and all his faithful subjects, French and English of all England, greeting. Know ye that I have granted, and by this my charter have confirmed, to the Burgesses of Nottingham all those free customs which they had in the time of King Henry my grandfather; to wit, Tol and Theam, and Infangenetheof, and Thelonea from Thrumpton to

¹ Ranulf Fitz-Ingleram was sheriff of Notts and Derby from 2 Hen. II. to 11 Hen. II. This charter was most probably granted early in 1155, when Henry visited York and Nottingham. See Prof. Stubbs' *Outline History of Hen. II.* in *Chron. of Benedict Abbas*, ii. p. cxxix.—Note from "The Nottingham Records,"

Newark, and of all things crossing the Trent, as fully as in the borough of Nottingham; and on the other side from the brook beyond Rempston to the water of Retford in the north. Moreover, the men of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire ought to come to the borough of Nottingham on Friday and Saturday, with their wains and packhorses: nor ought any one within a radius of ten *leuca* of Nottingham to work dyed cloth, except in the borough of Nottingham. And if any one, whencesoever he may be, shall dwell in the borough of Nottingham a year and a day, in time of peace, without claim, no one afterwards except the king shall have any right in him. And whosoever of the burgesses shall buy the land of his neighbour, and shall possess it for a whole year and a day, without claim on the part of the kindred of the vendor, if they be in England, he shall afterwards quietly possess it: nor shall it be answered to the reeve of the borough of Nottingham claiming any burgess, unless another shall be the plaintiff in the cause. And whosoever shall dwell in the borough, of whatsoever fee he may be, he ought to pay tallages together with the burgesses, and make up the defaults of the borough. Also all who come to the market of Nottingham from the eve of Friday to the eve of Saturday, shall not be distrained, except for the King's ferm. And the passage of the Trent ought to be free to navigators as far as one perch extends on either side of the mid-stream. Wherefore I will and firmly enjoin that the aforesaid Burgesses shall have and hold the said customs in good manner and in peace, and freely and quietly, and honourably and fully, and wholly, as they had in the time of King Henry my grandfather. Witnesses: Richard de Humet Constable, William de Braosio, William de Caisneto, William de Lanvalei, Ranulf Sheriff of Nottingham. At York. 4151.

III.—CHARTER OF JOHN EARL OF MORTAIN, CONFIRMING
THE CHARTER OF HIS FATHER, KING HENRY II., TO
THE BURGESSES OF NOTTINGHAM.

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J[OHANNES, Comes] Moret[oniae], omnibus hominibus et amicis suis, Francis et Anglis, praesentibus et futuris, salutem. Sciatis me concessisse, et hac praesenti carta mea confirmasse, Burgensibus meis Notingeham', omnes illas liberas consuetudines quas habuerunt tempore Henrici Regis proavi mei, et tempore Henrici Regis patris mei, sicut carta ejusdem Henrici patris mei testatur; scilicet, Thol et Theam, et Infangenetheof, et Tholonea, a Thurmodeston' usque ad Niwerch', et de omnibus Trentam transeuntibus, ita plenarie ut in burgo de Notingeham; et ex alia parte a duitto ultra Rempes-ton' usque ad aquam de Radeford in Nord', et de Bikeres-dic. Homines etiam de Notingehamsir' et de Derbisir' venire debent ad burgum de Notingeham die Veneris et Sabbati, cum quadrigis et summagiis suis; nec aliquis infra decem leucas in circuitu de Notingeham tinctos pannos operari debet, nisi in burgo de Notingeham. Et si aliquis, undecunque sit, in burgo de Notingeham manserit uno anno et die uno, tempore pacis et absque calumpnia, nullus postea, nisi ego, in eum jus habebit. Et quicumque burgensium terram vicini sui emerit, et possederit per annum integrum et diem unum absque calumpnia parentum vendentis, si in Anglia fuerint, postea eam quiete possidebit. Neque praeposito burgi de Notingeham aliquem burgensium calumpnianti respondeatur, nisi alius fuerit accusator in causa. Et quicumque [in burgo ma]nserit, cujuscunque feodi sit, reddere debet simul cum burgensibus tailagia, et defectus burgi adimplere. Omnes etiam qui [ad forum] de Not-

ingeham venerint a vespere die[i] Veneris usque ad vesperam Sabbati, non namientur nisi pro firma mea. Et iter de Trente [liberum] esse debet navigantibus quantum pertica una optinebit ex utraque parte fili aquae.

Praeterea concessi etiam, de proprio dono meo, et hac mea [carta] confirmavi eisdem liberis Burgensibus meis, Gildam Mercatorum, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus quae ad Gildam Mercatorum debent [vel sole]nt pertinere; et quod ipsi sint quieti de Tholonea per totam terram meam, infra nundinas et extra. Et licet illis quem voluerint ex suis in fine anni praepositum suum facere, qui de firma mea pro ipsis respondeat; ita quod si idem praepositus mihi displiceat, illum ad voluntatem meam removebo, et ipsi alium ad libitum meum substituent. Concessi etiam eisdem Burgensibus ut quicumque ab eis constitutus fuerit praepositus ejusdem burgi, solvat firmam ejusdem burgi ad dominicum scaccarium meum, ubicunque fuerit in Anglia, ad duos terminos, medietatem, scilicet, ad clausum Paschae, et medietatem in octavis Sancti Michaelis. Quare volo et firmiter praecipio quod praedicti Burgenses habeant et teneant praedictas consuetudines bene et in pace, libere et quiete, honorifice et pacifice, plenarie et integre, sicut habuerunt tempore Henrici Regis proavi mei et tempore Henrici Regis patris mei, cum praedictis augmentis quae eis concessi. Et prohibeo ne quis contra hanc cartam meam praedictos Burgenses vexare praesumat in aliquo, super decem libras forisfacti mei. Hiis testibus: Hugone Coventrensi Episcopo, Ada Abbate de Wellebec, Alexandro Priore de Lenton, Aldr[edo] Priore de Novo Loco, Rogero de Play, Girardo de Canvill, Henrico de Ver, Radulfo Murdac, Galfrido de Jorz, Samsone de Stretlee, Simone filio Ricardi, Roberto de Fornellis, Willelmo de Furnellis, Willelmo de Craumunt, Rogero

de Karkeney,' Galfrido Luterell,' Magistro Benedicto,
Serlone clerico, et multis aliis. 4152.

(Translation.)

JOHN, Earl of Mortain, to all his men and friends, French and English, present and to come, greeting. Know ye that I have granted, and by this my present charter have confirmed, to my Burgesses of Nottingham all those free customs which they had in the time of King Henry my great-grandfather, and in the time of King Henry my father, as the charter of the same Henry my father witnesses; to wit, Thol and Theam, and Infangenetheof, and Tholonea, from Thrumpton to Newark, and of everything crossing the Trent, as fully as in the borough of Nottingham; and on the other side from the brook beyond Rempston to the water of Retford in the north, and from Bycardyke. Also the men of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire ought to come to the borough of Nottingham on Friday and Saturday, with their wains and pack-horses; nor ought any one to work dyed cloth within a radius of ten *leuca*e of Nottingham, except in the borough of Nottingham. And if any one, whencesoever he may be, shall remain in the borough of Nottingham a year and a day, in time of peace, and without claim, no one afterwards, but I, shall have any right in him. And whosoever of the burgesses shall buy the land of his neighbour, and shall possess it for a whole year and a day without claim by the kindred of the vendor, if they be in England, he shall afterwards quietly possess it. Nor shall it be answered to the reeve of Nottingham claiming any of the burgesses, unless another shall be the plaintiff in the case. And whosoever shall dwell in [the borough], of whatsoever fee he may be, ought to pay tallages, together with the burgesses, and

make good the defaults of the borough. Also all who shall come [to the market] of Nottingham, from the eve of Friday to the evening of Saturday shall not be distrained except for my ferm. And the passage of Trent ought to be free to navigators as far as one perch extends on either side of the mid-stream.

Moreover I have also granted, of my own gift, and by this my [charter] have confirmed to the same my free Burgesses, a Merchants' Gild, with all the liberties and free customs which should, or usually belong to a Merchants' Gild. And that they shall be quit of Tholonea throughout the whole of my land, within and without fairs. And they may make, at the end of the year, whom they will from amongst themselves their reeve, who shall answer on their behalf for my ferm; provided that if the same reeve shall displease me, I shall remove him at my will, and they shall substitute another at my pleasure. Also I have granted to the same Burgesses that whosoever shall be constituted reeve of the same borough, shall pay the ferm of the same borough to my demesne exchequer, wherever it may be in England, at two terms, to wit, a moiety at the close of Easter, and a moiety in the octave of Saint Michael. Wherefore I will and firmly enjoin that the aforesaid Burgesses shall have and hold the aforesaid customs well and in peace, freely and quietly, honourably and peacefully, fully and wholly, as they had them in the time of King Henry my great-grandfather, and in the time of King Henry my father, with the aforesaid augmentations which I have granted them. And I forbid that any one presume to vex the said Burgesses in aught against this my charter, upon pain of ten pounds to be forfeited to me. These being witnesses: Hugh Bishop of Coventry, Adam Abbot of Welbeck, Alexander Prior of Lenton, Aldred Prior of

Newstead, Roger de Play,' Gerard de Camville, Henry de Vere, Ralph Murdac, Geoffrey de Jorz, Sampson de Strelley, Simon Fitz-Richard, Robert de Furneux, William de Furneux, William de Craumunt, Roger de Karkeney, Geoffrey Luterel, Master Benedict, Serlo the clerk, and many others. 4152.

IV.—CHARTER OF KING JOHN, CONFIRMING GRANTS MADE BY HIMSELF WHILST EARL OF MORTAIN, TO THE BURGESSES OF NOTTINGHAM, DATED MARCH 19, 1200.

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JOHANNES, Dei Gratia Rex Angliae, Dominus Hyberniae, Dux Normanniae, Aquitanniae, et Comes Andegaviae, archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatibus, comitibus, baronibus, justitiariis, vicecomitibus, et omnibus ballivis et fidelibus suis totius Angliae, salutem. Sciatis nos concessisse, et praesenti carta nostra confirmasse, Burgensibus nostris de Notingeham omnes illas liberas consuetudines quas habuerunt tempore Henrici Regis proavi nostri, et tempore Henrici Regis patris nostri, sicut carta ejusdem Henrici patris nostri testatur; scilicet, Thol et Theam, et Infangenetheof, et Tholonea a Thurmodeston' usque ad Niwerk', et de omnibus Trentam transeuntibus, ita plenarie ut in burgo de Notingham; et ex alia parte a duitto ultra Rempeston' usque ad aquam de Radeford in Nord', et de Bikeresdik. Homines etiam de Notinghamsir' et de Derebisir' venire debent ad burgum de Notingham die Veneris et Sabbati, cum quadrigis et summagiis suis; nec aliquis infra decem leucas in circuitu de Notingham tinctos pannos operari debet, nisi in burgo de Notingham. Et si aliquis, undecunque sit, in burgo de Notingham manserit uno anno et die uno, tempore pacis et absque calumpnia, nullus postea nisi Rex

in eum jus habebit. Et quicumque burgensium terram vicini sui emerit, et possederit per annum integrum et diem unum, absque calumpnia parentum vendentis, si in Anglia fuerint, postea eam quiete possidebit. Neque praeposito burgi de Notingham aliquem burgensium calumpnianti respondeatur, nisi alius fuerit accusator in causa. Et quicumque in burgo manserit, cujuscunque feodi sit, reddere debet simul cum burgensibus taillagia, et defectus burgi adimplere. Omnes etiam qui ad forum de Notingham venerint a vespere die[i] Veneris usque ad vesperam Sabbati, non namientur, nisi pro firma nostra. Et iter de Trente liberum esse debet navigantibus, quantum pertica una optinebit ex utraque parte fili aquae. Praeterea concessimus etiam de proprio dono nostro, et hac carta nostra confirmavimus, eisdem liberis. Burgensibus nostris Gildam Mercatorum, cum omnibus libertatibus et liberis consuetudinibus quae ad Gildam Mercatorum debent vel solent pertinere; et quod ipsi sint quieti de Tholonea per totam terram nostram, infra nundinas et extra. Et licet illis quem voluerint ex suis in fine anni praepositum suum facere, qui de firma nostra pro ipsis respondeat; ita quod si idem praepositus nobis displiceat, illum ad voluntatem nostram removebimus, et ipsi alium ad libitum nostrum substituent. Concessimus etiam eisdem Burgensibus ut quicumque ab eis constitutus fuerit praepositus ejusdem burgi, solvat firmam ejusdem burgi ad dominicum scaccarium nostrum, ubicunque fuerit in Anglia, ad duos terminos, medietatem, scilicet, ad clausum Paschae, et medietatem in octabis Sancti Michaelis. Quare volumus et firmiter pracipimus quod praedicti Burgenses habeant et teneant praedictas consuetudines, bene et in pace, libere et quiete, honorifice et pacifice, plenarie et integre, sicut habuerunt tempore Henrici Regis proavi nostri, et tempore Henrici Regis

patris nostri, cum praedictis augmentis quae eis concessimus. Et prohibemus ne quis contra hanc cartam nostram praedictos Burgenses vexare praesumat in aliquo, super decem libras forisfacti nostri, sicut eis concessimus et rationabili carta nostra confirmavimus dum essemus Comes Moretoniae. Hiis testibus: Gaufrido filio Petri Comite Essexiae, Willelmo Briwere, Hugone Bard[ulfi], Roberto filio Rogeri, Willelmo de Stotevill', Hugone de Nevill', Simone de Pateshull', Gilleberto de Norfolk. Datum per manus Simonis Archidiaconi Wellensis, et Johannis de Gray, Archidiaconi Clivelandiae, apud Clipston, xix die Martii, regni nostri anno primo. 4153.

(Translation.)

JOHN, by the grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy, Aquitaine, and Earl of Anjou, to his archbishops, bishops, abbots, earls, barons, justiciaries, sheriffs, and bailiffs and faithful subjects of all England, greeting. Know ye that we have granted, and by our present charter have confirmed, to our Burgesses of Nottingham, all those free customs which they had in the time of King Henry, our great-grandfather, and in the time of Henry our father, as the charter of the same Henry our father witnesses; to wit, Thol and Theam, and Infangenetheof, and Tholonea, from Thrumpton to Newark, and of all things passing the Trent, as fully as in the borough of Nottingham; and on the other side from the brook beyond Rempston to the water of Retford in the north, and from Bycardyke. Also the men of Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire ought to come to the borough of Nottingham on Friday and Saturday with their wains and pack-horses; nor ought any one to work dyed cloth within a radius of ten *leuca* of Nottingham, except in the borough of Nottingham.

And if any one, whencesoever he may be, shall remain in Nottingham a year and a day in time of peace, and without claim, no one afterwards except the king shall have any right over him. And whosoever of the burgesses shall buy the land of his neighbour, and shall possess it for a whole year and a day, without claim by the kindred of the vendor, if they be in England, he shall afterwards quietly possess it. Nor shall it be answered to the reeve of Nottingham claiming any of the burgesses, unless another shall be the plaintiff in the case. And whosoever shall dwell in the borough, of whatsoever fee he may be, ought to pay tallages, and make good the deficiencies of the borough. Also all who shall come to the market of Nottingham from the eve of Friday to the evening of Saturday shall not be distrained except for our ferm. And the passage of Trent ought to be free to navigators as far as one perch extends on either side of the mid-stream. Moreover, we have granted, of our own gift, and by this our present charter have confirmed, to the same our free Burgesses a Merchants' Gild, with all the liberties and free customs which ought, or are used to pertain to a Merchants' Gild; and that they shall be quit of Tholonea throughout the whole of our land, within and without fairs. And they may make, at the end of the year, whom they will from amongst themselves their reeve, who shall answer for our ferm on their behalf; provided that if the same reeve shall displease us, we shall remove him at our will, and they shall substitute another at our pleasure. Also we have granted to the same Burgesses that whosoever shall be constituted reeve of the same borough, shall pay the ferm of the same town at our demesne exchequer, wheresoever it may be in England, at two terms, to wit, a moiety at the close of Easter, and a moiety in the octave of Saint Michael.

Wherefore we will and firmly enjoin, that the aforesaid Burgesses shall have and hold the aforesaid customs, well and in peace, freely and quietly, honourably and peacefully, fully and wholly, as they had in the time of King Henry our great-grandfather, and in the time of King Henry our father, with the aforesaid augmentations which we have granted them. And we forbid that any one presume to vex the aforesaid Burgesses in aught against this our charter, under pain of ten pounds to be forfeited to us, as we granted and by our reasonable charter confirmed when we were Earl of Mortain. These being witnesses: Geoffrey Fitz-Peter Earl of Essex, William Briwere, Hugh Bardolf, Robert Fitz-Roger, William de Stuteville, Hugh de Neville, Simon de Pateshull, Gilbert de Norfolk. Given by the hands of Simon, Archdeacon of Wells, and John de Gray, Archdeacon of Cleveland, at Clipston, the 19 day of March, in the first year of our reign.

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V.—CHARTER OF KING JOHN TO THE BURGESSES OF
DERBY, DATED THE SIXTH YEAR OF HIS REIGN.

(E. ROT. CART. ANTIQ., (Z. 5.) Public Record Office.)

Carta Burgensium de Derebi.

JOHN, Di Gra rex Angl, &c. Sciatis nos concessisse tpsenti carta nra confirmasse burgensibus nris de Derebi omnes illas libas consuetudines quas burgenses nri de Notingha hnt t huert temp H Reg pavi nri t tempe H Reg pris nri scil thol t theam t infangenetheof et Thelonia a Dunebrig usq ad ponte de Cordi et a ponte Cordi usq ad ponte de Estweit sicut hre solent et de omibz Derewent tneuntibs ita plenarie ut i burgo de Derebi Hoies t de Derbisir t de Notinghasir venire debent ad

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burgu de Derebi die Jovis t die Vens in qudrigis et
 sumagiis suis Nec aliq's infra dece leucas i circuitu de
 Derebi tinctos pannos opari debr ni in Burgo de Derebi
 salva libtate burgi de Notingha et si aliqs undecuqs sit
 manserit i Burgo de Derebi uno anno t uno die tempe
 pacis sn calumpnia nulls ptea ni Rex i eu jus habebit.
 Et qcuqs burgensiu tra vicini sui emit t possedit p annu
 itegru et unu die absq calumpnia parentii vendentis si
 in Angl fuerit pea ea qeta possidebit Neq pposito burgi
 de Derebi aliq burgensiu caluniati respondeatr n aliqs
 fuerit accusator i causa et qcuqs i burgo manserit ciscuq
 feodi sit redde deb siml cu burgsibus taill t defect burgi
 adimplere omes t qi ad foru de Derebi venint a vespe
 diei Jovis usq ad vespa diei veneris no namientr ni p
 firma nra et iter de Derwent libu ee deb navigantibus
 qntu ptica una optinebit ex utq parte fili aque Pretea
 concessimus t confirmavim eisdem burgensibus libis
 nstris de Derebi gildam mercator ac omnibus libertatibus
 et libis consuetudinis q ad roba mcator debuit vl solut
 pertine et qd ipi sint quieti de telonio p tota tra nram
 infra nundinas t extra concessimus et confirmavimus
 eidem burgensibus de Derebi Burgo de Derebi cu oibus
 ptinciis suis ad feodi firma tenend de nob et heredibus
 nris sibi et heredibus suis i ppetua p antiqua firma et de
 cremto X librar p annu p omni servicio et demanda et liceat
 illis q volunt ex suis i fine anni ppositu suu facere qi de
 firma nra p ipis respondeat ita qd si id ppoits nob dis-
 pliceat illu ad voluntate nram removebim t ipi aliu ad
 libitu nrm substituent concessim t eide burgensibus ut
 qicunq ab eis constitutr fuit ppoits ejs de burgi solvat
 firma ejusde burgi ad dnica scaccm nrm ubicuqe fuit in
 Angl ad duos trminos scil medietate ad clausu Pasch t
 medietate i octav sci Mich Quare volumus t firmit
 pcipims qd pdci burgnses & eor hedes t oia pdca hant t

teneant de nob et hedibs nris bn et i pace libe t quieté
honorifice pacifice plenarie t integre et phibems ne qs
contr hanc carta nram pdcos burgenses vexare psumat
sup forisfactam nram X libror ut pdcm est T. Dat p
man H. Well Archied anno regni nri VI.

(Translation.)

JOHN, by the Grace of God, England, &c. Know ye that we have granted, and by this our present charter have confirmed, to the Burgesses of Derby all those free customs which our Burgesses of Nottingham had and held in the time of Henry, the King, our great-grandfather, and in the time of Henry, the King, our father, that is to say, Thol and Theam, and Infangenethef, and Tolls from Dunsbrig to the Bridge of Cordi, and from the Bridge of Cordi to the Bridge of Eastweit, as they were accustomed to have from all crossing the Derwent as fully as in the Borough of Derby. The men both of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire ought to come to the Borough of Derby on Wednesday and Friday with their wains and pack-horses; nor within a radius of ten *leuca* of Derby should anyone work dyed cloth except in the Borough of Derby, saving the liberties of the Borough of Nottingham. And if anyone, whencesoever he may be, shall dwell in the Borough of Derby for a year and a day in the time of peace without complaint, no one afterwards, except the King, shall have any right in him. And whosoever of the Burgesses shall buy the land of his neighbour, and shall possess it for a whole year and a day, without claim by the kindred of the vendor, if they be in England, he shall afterwards quietly possess it. Nor shall it be answered to the reeve of Nottingham claiming any of the Burgesses, unless another shall be the plaintiff in the case. And whosoever shall dwell

in the Borough, of whatsoever fee he may be, ought to pay tallages, together with the Burgesses, and make good the defaults of the Borough. Also all who shall come to the market of Derby from the eve of Wednesday to the evening of Friday shall not be distrained except for our ferm. And the passage of the Derwent ought to be free to navigators as far as one perch extends on either side of the mid-stream. Moreover, I have also granted and [by this my charter] have confirmed to the same my free Burgesses of Derby a Merchants' Gild, with all the liberties and free customs which should, or usually belong to a Merchants' Gild. And that they shall be quit of Tholonea throughout the whole of my land, within and without fairs. We concede and grant to the same Burgesses of Derby the Borough of Derby, with all its appurtenances at fee farm. To hold of us and our heirs, to them, and to their heirs for ever, by ancient ferm, and for the salary of £10 per annum for all services and demands. And they may make, at the end of the year, whom they will from amongst themselves their reeve, who shall answer on their behalf for my ferm; provided that if the same reeve shall displease me, I shall remove him at my will, and they shall substitute another at my pleasure. Also I have granted to the same Burgesses that whosoever shall be constituted reeve of the same Borough, shall pay the ferm of the same Borough to my demesne exchequer, wherever it may be in England, at two terms, to wit, a moiety at the close of Easter, and a moiety in the octave of Saint Michael. Wherefore I will and firmly enjoin that the aforesaid Burgesses and their heirs shall have and hold the aforesaid customs well and in peace, freely and quietly, honourably and peacefully, fully and wholly. And I forbid that anyone presume to vex the said Burgesses

in aught against this my charter, upon pain of £10, to be forfeited to me as aforesaid. T. Given by the hand of H. Well, Archdeacon, in the 6th year of our reign.

VI.—CHARTER OF KING JOHN TO RICHARD, SON OF WILLIAM BREWERR, GRANTING THE MANOR OF CHESTERFIELD, &C., IN FEE FARM, DATED IN THE 16TH YEAR OF HIS REIGN.

(E. ROT. CART. ANTIQ. Y. 3. Public Record Office.)

J di gra Rex Angl etc omnibs fidelibs suis salt Sciatis nos dedisse t concississe t carta nra confirmasse Ric Briwere filio Willi Briwere t heredibus suis maneriu nrm de Cestrefeud i Derbyschyre cu Brumiton t Wittinton t soka t tota wapentak de Scarnedale t c omnibus integratibus et pertin suis tenend ad feod firma ei t hedibus suis de nobis t hedibus nris redd annuatm de pdict Cestrefeld t Brumiton t Wittinton t soka LXIX Lib numo et de pred wapentac de Scharndal x lib nuo ad sacc nrm apd Westm p manu suu vel heredu suor Sclt medietate ad sccm pasce et medietate ad sccm Sci Mich volum t qd pdcam manerum de Cestrefeld t omnibus ptin suis habeat easd lib t lib consuetudines qs burg nr de Notingh ht in omibs locis t rebus Ita tn qd Burgi nri Noting t Derbi libs suas quas habent t habre debuint non amittant Volum t qd ead Cestrefeld sit lib burg ita tam qd nullus burgens vl mcator i ea vel in prdco wapentac vl in soka hat lib vel libas consuetudines ni p ipm Ric Briwere vl p hedes suos ni illi q' priuq ibi libertates huerunt Concedim t eidem Ric Briwere t hedibs suis qd hnt apud Cestrefeld unam feriam singulis annis in exaltoe Sci Crucis p VIII dies duraturam t pte rea unu mercatu ibi de singulis septim p duos dies scil die Mart

t die sabbi c omnibus lib t libas consuetudinibus ad feriam et mercatum ptin et qd Theloniū capiatr in prdictis feria & mercato ab omnibus illis q' libtates non habuerint Dedim et concessim eidem Ric t hered suis manerium nostrum de Snodington in Nottinghamshires tenend ad feod firma ei et heredibus suis de nob t heredibz nris reddendo inde anuatim VIII libr numo ad prdcum scaccm p manu suor vel heredum suor ad prdictos terminos. Hec an subscripta dedimus et concessimus & hc carta nostra confirmavimus prdi Ric hedibus suis de voluntate t assensu ad petitione Willi Briwere patris sui cui t hedibus suis prius dedimus t concessiramus & carta nra confirmaverim. Qre volumus prcipim qd prdic Ric Briwere t hedes sui pt eum hant t teneant omnia prdic tenement t omnibz libtatibus t integretat t omnibus ptin suis ad feod firmam p pdictam firmam et p serviciu duarum partim feod un militis p omni svicio t oi demanda adeo bene t in pace libe t quiete t integre plenarie t honorifice sic nos vel ancessores nri illa unqua melius librius t integris hubuim soluta t quieta de siris t hundr wapentac t sectis eor t de omibz placitis & querelis t exactionibz exceptis hiis que ad corona pertinebit. [Dat apud Anno regni nri XVI]

(Translation.)

J by the Grace of God, King of England, to all his faithful Health. Know ye that we have given and granted and by our charter have confirmed to Richard Brewer, son of William Brewer, and his heirs, our Manor of Chesterfield, in Derbyshire, with Brumington and Wittington, and the soke and all the wapentake of Scarnedale, and with all its *members* and appurtenances to hold at fee farm to him and his heirs of us and of our heirs, paying annually for the said Chesterfield and

Brumington, and Wittington and Soke, sixty-nine pounds of money, and for the said wapentake of Scarnedale £10 of money into our exchequer of Westminster by his hands or by the hands of his heirs, that is to say half at the term of Easter and half at the term of St. Michael; we will also that the said Manor of Chesterfield and all its appurtenances shall have the same liberties and free customs which our Borough of Nottingham has in all places and in all things, so that nevertheless our Boroughs of Nottingham and Derby shall not loose the liberties which they have or ought to have; we will that the said Chesterfield shall be a free Borough, so nevertheless that no Burgess or Merchant within it, or in the said wapentake or in the soke, shall have liberties or free customs except through the same Richard Brewer and his heirs, unless those who before this time there held liberties; we grant also to the same Richard Brewer and his heirs that they should have a fair at Chesterfield every year, at the exaltation of the holy cross, of 8 days' duration, and besides a market there each week of two days, that is to say on Tuesday and Saturday, with all liberties and free customs pertaining to fairs and markets, and that tolls should be taken in the said fair, and markets from all those who have no privileges; we have given and granted to the same Richard and his heirs our Manor of Snodington, in Nottinghamshire, to hold to fee farm to him and to his heirs of us and of our heirs, paying therefore annually 8 pounds of money into the said exchequer by his hands or by the hands of his heirs at the aforesaid terms. This before subscribed we have given and granted and by this our charter have confirmed to the said Richard and his heirs, by the will and assent and at the petition of William Brewer, his father, to whom and to his heirs we have formerly given and granted and

by our charter confirmed it; wherefore we will and command that the said Richard Brewer and his heirs after him shall have and hold all the said tenements with all their liberties and boundaries and appurtenances to fee farm by the said farm and by the service of two parts of one Knight's fee for all services and all demands, so well and in peace, freely and quietly, wholly and fully, and honourably as we or our ancestor ever better more freely and completely were accustomed to hold it, and quit of all shires and hundreds, wapentakes and of their suits, and of all pleas and complaints and exactions, except those which belong to our crown.

VII.—CHARTER OF KING JOHN GRANTING THE MANOR OF CHESTERFIELD, &c., TO WILLIAM BREWER THE YOUNGER, TO BE HELD IN CAPITE BY KNIGHT SERVICE, DATED THE 16TH DAY OF AUGUST, IN THE 17TH YEAR OF HIS REIGN.

(Copied from the MSS. of Dr. Pegge, deposited at Heralds' College, in his handwriting, with this note: "E Rot. Cart. de anno, decimo septimo regni Regis Johannis."—N.B. This roll is not now to be found at the Record Office, the few rolls of Ancient Charters there have been enrolled irregularly as to date, and at no known periods. In Dr. Pegge's "schedule of papers in the Corporation of Chesterfield chest, 1789," there is one, No. 45, from which this is probably a copy. It is called "An old transcript of King J's. Charter to Wm. Brewere, Ao. 17: this is fuller than that copy in the Black Book. N.B. ye original is supposed to be lost." This old copy of the Charter, as well as the Black Book has now disappeared, and is not to be found amongst the Corporation muniments.)

Johannis Dei gratia Rex Angliae Dominus Hibernie
Dux Normainie Aquitaine et Comes Andegavie Archiepis
Episcopis Comitibus Baronibus Justiciariis Vicecomiti-
bus et oibus Ballivis et fidelibus suis Saltem Sciatis nos
dedissee et concencisse Willmo Briwerr et heredibus suis

pro homagio et servitio suo maneriu nostrum de Cestrefeld cu Bruminton et Witenton et soca et toto wapentake de Scarnedale et cum omibus integritatibus et pertinenciis suis Ita qd pdictum manerium de Cestrefeld cum oibus pertinenciis suis habeat easdem libtates et liberis consuetudines quas Burgus noster Notingham habeat in oibus locis et oibus rebus Ita tamen qd Burgi nostri de Notingham et Derbi libtates suas quas habent et habere debent non amittant Volumus etiam qd eadem Cestrefeld sit liber Burgus ita tamen qd nullus Burgens vel mercator in ea vel in pdicto wapentake vel in soca habeat libtes vel liberas consuetudines nisi per ipsum. Willimum Briwerr vel per heredes suis nisi illi qui prius ibi libertates habuerunt concedimus etiam eidem Willo Briwerr et heredis suis qd habeant apud Cestrefeld unam feriam singulis annis in exaltacoe Sci Crucis per octo dies duraturum et preteria unu mercatu ibidem singulis septimanis per duas dies scilt die Martis et die Sabbati cu oibus libertates et liberis consuetudinibus qd ad feria et mercatu pertinent Theloneum capiatur in predictis feria et mercatum ab oibus illi qui libtates non habuerunt. Dedimus etiam ac concessimus eidem Willo et heredibus suis maner nostra de Snodinct in Notinghamschire, et maneriu de Axeminister in Devon, cu oibus integritatibus et pertinenciis eorum cu hundred de Axeminister et quod habeant apud Axeminister unu mercatu singulis septimanis die dominica sicut ibi esse consuevit et preteria piscarium nostra de Kingswere in Sumset, cu oibus pertinenciis suis ita scil qd predictus Willmo Briwerr et heredes sui habeant et teneant prdictu maneriu de Cestrefeld cu Brumenton et Witenton et soca et tota Wapentac de Scarnedale cu oibus ptinen suis et Manerium de Snodington cu oibus ptinen suis et predict maner de Axeminster cu oibus ptinen suis cum

hundred de Axeminster et pdictu piscaria de Kingswere cu oibus pertinenciis suis faciend nobis et heredibus nostris de oibus pdic servit feod triu milit pro oibus servitiis et demand. Quare Volumus et firmiter precepimus qd pdict Willus et heredes suis post eum habeant et teneant oia predicta maneria et tenta cu oibus libertatibus et integritatibus et oibus pertinenciis suis per servicium feod triu milit pro omni servici et demanda. Adeo bene, &c., sicut nos et antecessoris nostri illa unquam melius et liberius habuimus soluta et quieta de sires et hunds et wapentac et sec eor et de omnibus placitis et querelis et exicoebus exceptis hiis que ad Coronam nostrum pertinet.

Testi: W Com Saru fratre E Majestro Milicie templi in Anglia, H. de Nevill, H. de Mortuomari, Waltero de Lascy, Johan de Munenz, Thoma de Sandford, Willo de Cantelupo, Fulcon de Cantelupo, Rado Corini. Dat apud marleberge decimo sexto die Augusto Anno regni nri decimo sexto.

(Translation.)

JOHN by the Grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy Aquitaine, and Count of Anjou, to his Archbishops, Bishops, Earls, Barons, Justiciars, Viscounts, and to all Bailiffs and faithful Health. Know ye that we have given and granted to William Brewer and his heirs, for his homage and service, our Manor of Chesterfield, with Brumington and Wittington, and the Soke and whole Wapentake of Scarne-dale and with all its members and appurtenances, so that the said Manor of Chesterfield, with all its appurtenances, should have the same liberties and free customs which our Borough of Nottingham has in all places and in all things, so nevertheless that our Boroughs of Not-

tingham and Derby should not loose the liberties which they have and should have. We will also that the said Chesterfield shall be a free Borough, so nevertheless that no one of the Burgesses or Merchants within it or within the said Wapentake, or within the Soke, shall have liberties or free customs, unless through him the said William Brewer or through his heirs, excepting those who before this there had liberties; we concede also to the same William Brewer and his heirs that they should have at Chesterfield one fair every year, at the exaltation of the Holy Cross, of eight days' duration, and besides a market there each week of two days, that is to say on Tuesday and on Saturday, with all the liberties and free customs pertaining to fairs and markets. Toll shall be taken in the said fair and market from all those who have not liberties; we have also given and granted to the same William Brewer and his heirs our Manor of Snodinct, in Nottinghamshire, and the Manor of Axminster, in Devonshire, with all its members and appurtenances, with the hundred of Axminster, and that they should have a market at Axminster every week, upon Sunday, as they are there accustomed, and besides our fishery of Kingswere, in Somersetshire, with all its appurts, so that the said William Brewer and his heirs should have and hold the said Manor of Chesterfield, with Brumenton and Wittenton, and the soke and whole wapentake of Scarne-dale with all their appurtenances, and the Manor of Snodington with all its appurts, and the said Manor of Axminster with all its appurtenances, with the said hundred of Axminster and the said fishery of Kingswere with all its appurtenances, doing to us and to our heirs for all the said services for three Knights' fees for all services and demands; wherefore we will and firmly command that the said William and his heirs after him shall

have and hold all the said Manors and tenements with all liberties and members and all its appurtenances, by the service of three Knights' fees for all services and demands; therefore well, etc., as we and our Ancestors ever better freer held them free and quit of Shires and hundreds, and wapentakes and their suits, and of all pleas and complaints and exactions, except those which belong to our crown.

Witness—W. Earl of Salisbury, Brother E. Master of the Knights Templars in England, H. de Neville, H. de Mortimer, Walter de Lacey, John de Munens, Thomas de Sandford, William de Cantelupe, Falcon de Cantelupe, Ralf Corini.

Given at Merlbergh the 16th day of August in the 17th year of our reign.

VIII.—CONCORD MADE BETWEEN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED WILLIAM BREWER THE YOUNGER AND THE FREE BURGESSES OF CHESTERFIELD, IN VINDICATION OF THEIR LIBERTIES AGAINST THE SAID WILLIAM BREWER.

(From the ORIGINAL FINE NOW AMONGST THE MUNIMENTS OF THE CORPORATION OF CHESTERFIELD.)

Hec est concordia facta int Dnm Willm Briwerr Juniozem et Burgenses de Cestfeld silicet qd ipi et hedes sui habebunt et tenebunt de dicto W. Brewerr et de hedebs suis omes illas libtates et omes libas consuetudines in villa de Cestfeld qs Bgus de Notingham habet et tenet et habere debet salvis tn si firmis suis assisis in toftis in villa de Cestfeld eo die qo ista concordia facta fuit et salvis si illis toftis qos dict W. Brewerr et hedes sui pca assedebunt ptea dict W Brewerr et hedes sui concessit qd pdici Burgenses et heredes sui habeant

et teneant celdas in foro q̄i de ceto tenere voluint Reddo p annu p qolibet celda sex denar p excepto tm qd dict W Briwerr et heredes sui habunt omes celdas in tempe nundinaru ad op suum singlis annis Ptea dict W Briwerr p se et p hedibus suis concessit qd pdicti Burgenses et hedes sui habeant et teneant pmes acr tre in campis qs habuert et tenuerunt die qo ista concordia fca fuit Reddo p annu pro qlibet ac qtuor denar exceptis dece acs de Dnico suo qor qlib acr reddit p annu VIIIdenar ptea Dicti W Briwerr concessit eadm Burgensibus qd nullu eoru fiet ppoit in villa de Cestfeld ni p libam voluntatem eoru et si aliqs serviens p pdictu W Briwerr in pdco Burgo poit contra jura et libtates Bgi age et venire volant em dabit. Has no relaxacoes et libertates pscptas concessit dict W Briwerr pdictis Bgensibus in ppetuu p icta q ipi Burgensis de ceto jura et libertates qs sepedict W Briwerr de jure hare tenetr manuteneant et qd contr illas libertates nuq venire psumant Hiis testibus Dno H. Lincol, Epo Stepho, de Segrave Willo f War, Rt de Lexington, Willo Basset, Rad f Nicol, tc, Justic Dni Reg et aliis fidelibs Dni Reg tc tp Notingh. psntibs.

(Translation.)

This is the concord made between Lord William Brewer the Younger and the Burgesses of Chesterfield. That is to say, that they and their heirs shall have and hold of the said William Brewer and of his heirs all those liberties and all free customs within the Town of Chesterfield, such as the Burgesses of Nottingham have and hold or ought to have, saving to him nevertheless all his farms assessed in the tofts in the town of Chesterfield, upon that day on which this concord was made, and saving also to him those tofts which the said William Brewer and his heirs aforesaid enjoyed. Besides the said W.

Brewer and his heirs granted that the said Burgesses and their heirs should have and hold Stalls in the market, which they wished to hold of others, paying annually for each stall sixpence, except only that the said William Brewer and his heirs should have all the stalls in the time of the fair to his own use each year. Besides the said W. Brewer for himself and his heirs acknowledged that the said Burgesses and their heirs should have and hold the chief acres of land in the plain, which they had and held the day when that concord was made, paying yearly for each acre four pence, excepting ten acres of their own dominion, for each of which acre they should pay per annum eight pence. Besides the said William Brewer conceded to the same Burgesses that no one of them should be made Reeve in the Town of Chesterfield unless by their free consent, and if any of the servants of the said William Brewer should act or do anything contrary to the rights and liberties of the Burgesses they will be corrected. These new relaxations and prescriptive liberties the said William Brewer allowed to the said Burgesses in perpetuity for ever, so that these Burgesses would hold and maintain those rights and liberties which the said William Brewer should enjoy by law, and that none should ever presume against those liberties. These witnesses: Lord H. Lincoln Bishop, Stephen de Segrave, William fil War, Rt. de Lessington, Willo Basset, Ralf fil Nicol, then Justices of our Lord the King, and other faithful of the Lord the King, at that time being present at Nottingham.

NOTE.—This very important fine, for such it is in effect, though perhaps not in form, can only be dated approximately. No record of it remains at the Public Record Office, in no Assize Roll or Roll of the King's Court is there any mention of it, nor is there any record of it on the fine Rolls, but a close Roll of 10 Henry III. shews that the Bishop of Lincoln and the four following judges were appointed to take pleas at Nottingham in that and the following year.

IX.—CHARTER OF KING HENRY III. CONFIRMING TO THE BURGESSES OF CHESTERFIELD, THE LIBERTIES WHICH WILLIAM DE BREWER ACKNOWLEDGED TO BE THEIR RIGHTS BY THE CHARTER OF JOHN, KING OF ENGLAND (WITH THE GREAT SEAL ATTACHED). DATED THE 28 DECEMBER, THE 17TH YEAR OF HIS REIGN.

The First Great Charter to the Borough of Chesterfield.

(FROM THE ORIGINAL CHARTER NOW IN THE MUNIMENT ROOM OF THE CORPORATION OF CHESTERFIELD RECOVERED AND RESTORED TO THE BOROUGH BY MR. ALDERMAN GEE, MAYOR OF CHESTERFIELD, ON THE 8TH DAY OF APRIL, 1884.)

HENRICUS Dei Gra Rex Angl Dns Hybn Dux Norm et Aquit Com Andeg Archiepis Epis Abbibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justic Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Ballivis et Fidelibus suis Salutem Sciatis nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse pro nobis et heredibus nostris hoibz Willi Briwerr qui de eo tenent et tenebunt in Villa de Cestrefeld libertatem qm eidem Wills eis concessit scilicet qd sint liberi Burgenses et qd ipi et heredes sui heant et teneant de eodem Willo et hedebs suis easdem libtates et libas consuetudines inf villam et extra villam et in omnibus locis quas Dns J Rex Angl Pat nr eidem Willo concessit et carta sua confirmavit in eadem villa et secdm qd carta ejusdem Dni J Regis ptris nri quam idm Wills de eo habet et sicut carta pdci Willi qua pdci homines de eo habent ronabilr testatur Quare Volumus et firmit precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nris qd pdci homines de Cestrefeld qui de pdco Willo tenent et tenebunt in eadem villa de Cestrefeld sint liberi Burgenses et qd ipi et heredes sui heant et teneant de eodem Willo et heredibz suis easdem liber-

tates et libas consuetudines quas pdcs Dns J Rex pr nr eidem Willo concessit et carta sua confirmavit in ead villa sicut predcm est. Hiis testibus: R mar Com Penbr, Petro de Ryvall, Capicer Pict, Rado fil Nichol, Godefrido de Craucumb, Galfrido Dispens, Galfrido de Cauz, Ricardo filio Hugo, Henrico de Capella et Aliis. Data per manum venabilis ptrs Radi Cicestr Epi Cancellar nri apud Theokesbir vicesimo octavo die Decembr anno regni nostri septimo decimo.

per Radulfam filium Nicolai.

(See Photograph of this Charter, with the fragments of the Great Seal attached, opposite Frontispiece.)

(Translation.)

HENRY by the Grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, Count of Anjou, to his Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Counts, Barons, Justices, Viscounts, Reeves, Ministers, and to all his bailiffs and his faithful Health. Know ye that we have granted and by this our Charter have confirmed for us and our heirs to the men of William Brewer who now hold of him or who will hold in the Town of Chesterfield the freedom which the same William Brewer granted them, that is to say, that they should be free Burgesses and that they and their heirs should have and hold of the same William and his heirs the liberties and free customs within the Town and without the Town, and in all places, which the Lord John King of England our father to the same William granted, and by his Charter confirmed in the same Town, and according to which Charter of the same Lord John the King, our father, which the same William had of him, and as the Charter of the said William which the said men had of him reasonably witnesses. Wherefore we will and firmly

command for us and for our heirs that the said men of Chesterfield who now hold and who will hold of the said William in the said Town of Chesterfield are free Burgesses, and that they and their heirs shall have and hold of the same William and his heirs the same liberties and free customs which the said Lord John the King our father to the same William granted and by his Charter confirmed in the same town as is aforesaid. These witnesses R. Mar (shall) Count of Pembroke, Peter de Ryval, Capicer Pict, Ralf fil Nicol, Godefrido de Craucumb Galfred Dispens, Galfred de Cauz, Richard fil Hugo, Henry de Capella and others. Given by the hand of the Venerable father Ralf Bishop of Chester, our Chancellor at Tewksbury, the 28th day of December, in the 17th year of our Reign.

**X.—CHARTER OF JOHN LORD WAKE TO THE BURGESSES
OF THE BOROUGH OF CHESTERFIELD.**

(From the ORIGINAL AMONGST THE MUNIMENTS OF THE BOROUGH.)

Omnibus xpi fidelibus presens scriptu visur vel auditur Johes Wak Dns de Lidel et de Cestrefeud Saltm in Dno sempitnam novit universitas nra me concessisse et hac psenti carta mea confirmasse p me et hedibus meis in ppetuu hoibs meis de Cestrefeud qui de me et hedibs meis vl assignatis tenent et tenebunt burgagia in villa de Cestrefeud qd heant et teneant de me et hedibus meis vl assignat ipi et eor hedes vl assignati easdem libtates et libas consuetudines infra villa de Cestrefeud et extra et in omibs locis et p omia qs habuerunt de dono et concessione Willi le Brewer Senioris pdecessoris mei et p confirmacoem Dni Reg Henrici pats Dni Reg Edwardi et ptea p quandum finale Concordia sigillo Willi le Brewer Junior sigillata ita scils qd ipi Burgenses et eor

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hede vl assignati heant omnes easdem libtates et libas consuetudines in ombs locis et p omia quas Burgus Notigham habet et qd sint libi Burgenses in ppetuu et qeti de tollonio et releivis in ppetuu et de sectis cur (here is an erasure). Wappentack et de misis scotage (custage) oimod et talliag: Hoc tn excepto qd talliabuntr qndo Dns Rex talliat Burgos suos et tunc racionabilit talliabuntr hoc p precepti Dni Reg Similr et seniores filii eorum habebunt easdem libertates et libas consuetudines licet no heant burgag viventibus ancessoribus et pribus eordm et tenentibus burgag unde erunt hedes et ceti aut filii et filie burgens habebunt libertates et libas consuetudines si mcandiare voluunt et dabunt m et hedibus meis annuatim tres denar p libertatibz hndis donec sibi burgag adquisierint et tunc dabunt m et hedibus meis ad ingressu qtuor denar et Bedello unu denar et clico unu denar ad ponend nomen eor in rotulo et tuc no dabunt ampli tres denar p annum et omnes tenentes in villa residentes venient bis p annu ad cur meam et hedu meor et psentabnt et respondet de articul pacem Dni Reg tangentibus except braccatoribus¹ et effusione sanguinis ac huches q no presentabunter et ibi venient n alibi sint ad pacem Dni Reg et habnt raconales simonicoes et venient ad curia qn bre Dni Reg est in curia et ad indicand latrones si necesse sint p rationabil simonicoes qndeci diem et unqsq burgenses essoinabit aliu ad curia sine calupnia qndo fuint absent et null q ht libertates vl sit Burgens no amcietr ad pl vl alci nulla decausa n ad tres denar hiis tantu except braciatoribus bis p annu si se adquietare no possunt qd non vendiderunt contra assisam Dni Reg et Pistoribz si furmanint et vendiderunt pane contr assisam Dni Reg et ecia hiis q effudint sangne et sup hoc covicti fiunt p

¹ This word is either "braccatoribus" or "braciatoribus."

querella et no, aliter et eciam hiis q desptu fecint m et hedibus meis vel assignatis seu ballis nostris si super hoc covicti fiunt et si aliis burgens de istaru aliq quatuor reru covict sint scundem qntitatem delicti p pares suos amercietr nullus extraneus mtbit burgag nc habet seisina anqm m et hedibus meis vel ballivis nostris satiffecitr et burgens modo suo antiquo ptito et si filii vel filie burgen dantes libertate p annum scil tres denar sibi burgag adquisierint vl de dono legato empcoe aut de jure aut aliquo alio modo tuc no dabnt ampli tres denar ad libertate p annu et si filie burgag tenentes se maritare voluint tunc mariti filiar venient ad pxm cur et dabnt m et heredibs meis quatuor denar et bedello unu denar et clico unu denar ut prius dictum est et filii eorum erunt burgenses et mariti filiarum burgag tenentes p legem Anglie pt morte uxor suar erunt burgenses in tota vita sua et heredes de dca muliere pcati et filii et filie hebnt libertates predictas in ppetuu et si maritus adqsierit sibi burgag vivente uxore sua ipe et hered sui erunt burgenses in ppetuam null alius prtrquam burgens vluabit secabit aut emdet pannos lineos vel laneos nc coreas vel pelles virid crud recent aut salicas emat in mcato vl infra villa de Cestrefeud et si fecint pannor secator rempteres corea vl pellui amittant pannos secatos et coreas et pelles empctr et statim capiantr ad opus mcatis ville p aliquo de mcato ville sine ballo put a tempe ptico fecerunt et pt qm feofati fuunt except octo diebus tempe Nundum de Cestrefeud et burgenses hebunt Gilda sua mercatoria cu omnibus rebus dcam gilda tangentibus et nullo forstallari vl reglatari emat in foro p dies sabbi aliquid gen victual vl pvandi anqm pma pulsetr ne mangnates et pbi hoies de Patra et burgenses impediantr ad emend sua necessar in foro an hoia p me et si qs hoc fecit tunc amittet oia empta rea de quibs covenit emendi et oia

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 neq scot cu burgenses de mercand emp p ipsos vl p
 aliquos suoru infra villa de Cestrefeud nisi Burgenses
 sed ipi Burgens vl sui servientes loco suo hebent lot et
 scot cu omnibus aliis more suo consueto et antiquo. Et
 burgenses assidebunt et fige facient seldas suas ubi volu-
 unt in feria sine licentia mei et hered meorum vel balliv
 nrtrum sicut ab antiquo face consueverint sine aliquo

dono. Et Ego Johes et hered mei hebum omnes seldas
 eorum quas tenet de me et hedibus meis tempe Nundm
 si voluimus et omnes q tenet in capite de me et hedibs
 meis ab antiquo et modo tenet et ptea tenebunt habebunt
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 meis tres denar p annu p libtatibus hndis. Et si aliqs
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 libas consuetudines in ombs rebus et locis qs Burgus
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 aliquo impedimento seu recevimento. In cujus rei
 testimonium Ego Joh Wake pro me et hered meis psenti
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 burgenses et heres suos remaneti sigillu meu est
 appensum. Hiis testibus Dno Johe le Bigot fre Count
 Marescall, Dnis Radulpho fil Willi Bald Picot, Thomas
 de Cadurs, Walto de Gousel, Rogo le Bret militibus,
 Willo le Bret, John de Eyncourt, Roger le Breton, Willo
 de Somville, Willo Funes et multis aliis Dat apud

Kirkebi Moreshieved Tercio Kalend Junii Anno Regni
Reg Edwardi fil Reg Henrici Vicesimo secundo.

(Translation.)

To all Faithful Christians by whom this present writing shall be seen or heard. John Wake, Lord of Lidel and of Chesterfield, Health Eternal in the Lord. Be it known to all men that I have granted and by this my present Charter have confirmed for myself and my heirs for ever to my men of Chesterfield, who of myself or of my heirs or assigns hold or will hold burgage (tenures) in the Town of Chesterfield that they their heirs or assigns shall have and hold of myself and my heirs or assigns the same liberties and free customs within and without the Town of Chesterfield, and in all places and for all things, which they had by the gift and concession of William the Brewer the elder, my predecessor,¹ and by the confirmation of the Lord King Henry, father of our Lord Edward the King, and besides by a certain final concord, sealed with the seal of William Brewer the younger, that is to say, that they the said Burgesses and their heirs or assigns shall have all the same liberties and free customs in all places and for all things which the Borough of Nottingham has, and that they are free burgesses for ever and quit of taxations² and reliefs for ever, and of suit of court [an erasure here]. Wapentakes, and of costs, charges, and expenses of all kinds and taxations, this only excepted, that they shall be taxed as the Lord King shall tax his Boroughs, and then reasonably taxed, and this likewise by the precept of the Lord the King, and their eldest sons shall

¹ No trace of this Grant can be found.

² Perhaps tolls, but the context shows that these tolls were other than Taxation, levied by the King on his Boroughs of Ancient demesne, to which alone Boroughs of Ancient demesne were liable.

have the same liberties and free customs, but they shall not, whilst their ancestors and fathers, tenants of the same burgage, are living, hold the burgage tenures of which they are the heirs; and the other children, whether sons or daughters of Burgesses, shall have liberties and free customs if they wish to become merchants, and shall give me and my heirs annually three pence for having the privileges until each one shall acquire to himself a Burgess part, and then shall, upon entering upon it, give me and my heirs four pennies, and to the Bedel one penny, and to the (Town) Clerk one penny for placing their names on the Roll, and afterwards shall not give more than three pence per annum. And all tenants residing in the town shall come twice a year to my Court and to the court of my heirs, and shall present and answer concerning articles touching the peace of our Lord the King, except money coiners (?) and spillers of blood (assaults) and hue and cry which are not to be presented. And shall come there nor go elsewhere for the peace of the Lord the King, and shall have recognizance (raconales) summons (siminocoës) and shall come to the Court whenever the Brief of the Lord the King is in Court, and for discovering robbers, if there should be necessity, by reasonable summons of 15 days, and any one of the Burgesses shall essoin another to the Court without censure whenever they should be absent, and no one having liberties or who is a Burgess shall be amerced in any cause for more than three pence, these cases only excepted:—Brewers (?) twice per annum if they are not able to acquit themselves that they have not sold contrary to the Assize of the Lord the King, and Bakers if they bake and sell bread contrary to the Assize of the Lord the King, and also those who spill blood, and for this are

convicted upon complaint and not otherwise; and also those who are guilty of a contempt against me or to my heirs or assigns or our bailiffs, if upon this they are convicted. Also if other Burgesses are convicted of other offences besides these four according to the gravity of the wrong by their fellows they are to be fined. No stranger shall purchase a Burgess part or have seizin before that they satisfy myself or my heirs or my bailiffs and the Burgesses set out in their ancient manner, and if the sons or daughters of Burgesses giving 3 pence annually for their liberties shall acquire a burgage part to themselves, either by gift, legacy, by purchase or by right or by any other manner, they shall not give more than three pence per annum for their liberties. And if the daughters holding Burgess parts wish to marry then the husbands of the daughters shall come at the next Court and pay to me or to my heirs four pence, and one penny to the Bedel, and one penny to the (Town) Clerk as aforesaid, and their children will be Burgesses, and the husbands of the daughters Burgage tenants will be Burgesses by the law (curtesy) of England after the death of their wives for the whole of their lives, and the heirs of the said women and their sons and daughters shall have the said liberties for ever. And if the husband acquires a Burgess part during the life of his wife he and his heirs will be Burgesses for ever. No others besides burgesses shall value,¹ cut up² or sell cloth, linen or woollen, wax, or skins fresh, raw, cooled, or salted, bought in the market or within the Town of Chesterfield, and if they do the cloth, cut off or remnants, wax, or skins, they shall lose, and the cloth, remnants, and wax and skins so purchased, and forthwith they are to be taken for the use of the market of

¹ Bargain—decide upon the price. ² Perhaps decide.

the town by any one of the market in the town, without the bailiffs as they did from the time aforesaid and after they were enfeoffed, except during 8 days at the time of the Fair of Chesterfield, and the Burgesses shall have their own Merchant Guild with all things to the said Guild pertaining, and no forestallers or regulators shall buy in the market on the Saturday any thing of the kind of victual or provender before that it is first stamped, lest the Magnates and Honest men of the Country and the Burgesses are hindered in buying these necessities in the market, or men for me. And if anyone should do this then he shall lose all the purchases of things of which he covined in buying, and all things bought and which he covined shall be attached for the benefit of the market of the Town, and notwithstanding (besides) they shall do good amends to me and to my heirs as the custom is. And widows being endowered of goods, their 2nd husbands during the whole life of the widow holding the Burgage in dower, shall be Burgesses as before is said of the husbands of daughters ; but the husbands of such widows shall not retain such liberties after the death of their wives, unless in the meantime they acquire for themselves burgess rights, and have their own pasture, their own Common rights, and their own hand-mills (?) in their own burgess part, and the choice in their own right with their co-burgesses as in inquisitions and assizes without any impediment as from ancient days and as they are accustomed to have after they are enfeoffed. And also (they shall have) ovens for baking their own proper bread except malted (?) bread which of all kinds ought to be baked at my oven and the oven of my heirs. And no one shall be (tinctor) painter or tanner, or skin tanner, or cutter who is not a Burgess or who is not willing to make satisfaction to me.

and my heirs and the Burgesses. And no one, except he be a burgess shall cut up meat or loaves within the town of Chesterfield, and Bakers selling corn within the town or having corn for baking bread for selling to any one are not expected to grind their corn at my mill and at the mill of my heirs, except for one day and one night unless by the free will of the miller, and if it happens that the miller cannot work they shall carry their corn to what mill they please and bake bread for selling where they will and when sold how and where they please, except malted bread as aforesaid. And I John Wake and my heirs or my bailiffs will not put any burgess to the oath unless by their free will but by the precept of the King, except twice a year. No one shall have lot or scot with the Burgesses in buying merchandise for himself or for any other within the Town of Chesterfield unless they are Burgesses. But these Burgesses or their servants shall have lot and scot in their own places with all others as they are allowed by custom and antiquity. And the Burgesses shall set down and affix their stalls where they will in the market without the license of myself my heirs or my Bailiffs as they are accustomed to do from ancient days without any gift. And I John and my heirs shall have all their stalls which they hold of me and of my heirs during the Fair if I desire, and all who hold in capite of myself or my heirs from ancient days and now hold, and besides shall hold in future shall have the aforesaid liberties. And if they shall sell a Burgage part or rent which for a Burgage part to me and my heirs is paid each year or is accustomed to be paid or should be paid then if they desire they shall pay rent to me and to my heirs three pennies per year for having liberties. And if any are taken upon suspicion of robbing or for robbery by my bailiffs or those of my heirs

without the assent of the Burgesses then they are in custody and at the peril of the bailiffs and not of myself or my heirs saving the Custody until in due course they are tried or sent to the Gaol of the Lord the King, and if they are taken with the consent of the Bailiff and the Burgesses then are they in the custody of the Burgesses and at their peril they shall keep them in my prison and that of my heirs until they are tried as before said and taken to the Gaol of the Lord King out of the custody of the Burgesses and the Burgesses shall give nothing for allowance for my prison or my stocks (chains). And the Burgesses shall have and hold all other liberties and free customs in all things and places which the Burgesses of Nottingham have, and if any bailiffs are placed in the said Town who act contrary to these liberties and customs as before written they shall be corrected and the said Burgesses and their heirs or assigns shall have and hold of me and my heirs or my assigns all the said liberties and free customs aforesaid, freely, quietly, fully, in peace, in right, in fee and inheritance for ever, without any impediment or reservation. In testimony whereof I John Wake for myself and my heirs this present writing indented after the manner of Chierographs and in the power of the said Burgesses and their heirs to remain, have appended my seal before these witnesses, Lord John Bigot, brother of the Earl Marshall Lord Ralf fitz William Baldwin Picot, Thomas de Chaworth, Walter de Gousel, Roger le Bret, Kts., Willo le Bret, John de Eyncourt, Roger le Breton, William de Somerville, William Fraunces and many others. Given at Kirkeby Moorhead, the third kalend. of June, in the year of the Reign of the King Edward, son of King Henry, the 22nd.

NOTE.—The Chartulary of Beauchief Abbey fol. 100 gives a Charter by Hugh Wake, giving freedom to the Canons to buy and sell in his Town of Chesterfield,

both in shop (domo) and in market, and without the whole wapentake of Scarsdale, without paying toll or custom. Dr. Pegge (Beauchief Abbey) thinks this was that Hugh who died 26 Hy. III., but probabilities rather point to his successor, who was living 4 Ed. II. Amongst the schedule of papers in the Chesterfield Corporation Chest in 1789, (but most of which, and this amongst them, disappeared before the accession to office of Mr. Cutts the present Town Clerk), was a French Lease, dated 5 Henry IV., by Dame Johanna Countess of Kent, and . . . de Wake to Thomas de Annersley, William Kalale, Roger Herdwyck, John Calale, and Roger Wormhill, of the Manor of Chesterfield, except the advowson of the free chapel called The Leyht of St. Leonard, they paying to her at the Manor of Brun 85 marks per annum, 9 marks to be paid to the Chapel of St. Leonard. This Chapel was no doubt the Hospital of Lepers, at Old Spital, near Chesterfield.

XI.—CHARTER OF KING EDWARD IV., DATED THE 17TH DAY OF AUGUST, IN THE 4TH YEAR OF HIS REIGN, TO THE BURGESSES OF CHESTERFIELD, CONFIRMING THE CHARTER OF KING HENRY III.

The Second Great Charter to the Borough of Chesterfield.

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EDWARDUS Dei Gra Rex Anglie et Francie et Dns Hiberne. Omnibus ad quos presentes Ire pervenerint Salutem Inspexims Cartam Domini H nuper Regis Anglie tercii post conquestum pmogenitoris nostri fcam in hec verba :—Henricus Dei Gra Rex Angl Dns Hybn Dux Norm et Aquit Com Andeg Archiepis Epis Abbi-bus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justic Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Ballivis et Fidelibus suis Salutem Sciatis nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse pro nobis et heredibus nostris hoibs Willi Briwerr qui de eo tenent et tenebunt in Villa de Cestre-

feld libertatem qm eidem Wills eis concessit scilicet qd sint liberi Burgenses et qd ipi et heredes sui heant et teneant de eodem Willo et heredes suis easdem libtates et libas consuetudines inf villam et extra villam et in omnibus locis quas Dns J Rex Angl Pat nr eidem Willo concessit et carta sua confirmavit in eadem villa et secdm qd carta ejusdem Dni J Regis ptris nri quam idm Wills de eo habet et sicut carta pdci Willi qua pdci homines de eo habent ronabilr testatur Quare Volumus et firmit precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nris qd pdci homines de Cestrefeld qui de pdco Willo tenent et tenebunt in eadem villa de Cestrefeld sint liberi Burgenses et qd ipi et heredes sui heant et teneant de eodem Willo et heredibz suis easdem libertates et libas consuetudines quas pdcs Dns J Rex pr nr eidem Willo concessit et carta sua confirmavit in ead villa sicut predcm est. Hiis testibus: Rmar Com Penbr, Petro de Ryvall, Capicer Pict, Rado fil Nichol, Godefrido de Craucumb, Galfrido Dispens, Galfrido de Cauz, Ricardo filio Hugo, Henrico de Capella et Aliis. Data p manum venabilis ptrs Radi Cicestr Epi Cancellar nri apud Theokesbir vicesimo octavo die Decembr anno regni nostri septimo decimo. Nos autem cartam pdcam ac omnia et singula contenta in eadem rata hentes et gra ea p nob et heres nrs quantum in nobis est acceptamus et approbamus ac dilcis nobis nunc hoibus ville de Cestrefeld et eorum successoribus ratificamus et confirmavimus put carta predict ranobiliter testat. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmr Decimo septimo die Augusti Anno regni nri quarto.

p sexdecem solidis et octo denariis solictis in hanapeo UPTON.

Ex p WILLM MORLAND
HENRICUM UPTON } *Clicos.*

(Translation.)

EDWARD by the Grace of God, King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland. To all to whom these presents shall come Health. We have inspected the Charter of the Lord Henry, formerly King of England, the third after the Conquest our Progenitor made in these words:—Henry by the Grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, Count of Anjou, to his Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Counts, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Reeves, Ministers, and to all his bailiffs and his faithful Health. Know ye that we have granted and by this our Charter have confirmed for us and our heirs to the men of William Brewer who now hold of him or who will hold in the Town of Chesterfield the freedom which the same William Brewer granted them, that is to say, that they should be free burgesses and that they and their heirs should have and hold of the same William and his heirs the liberties and free customs within the Town and without the Town, and in all places, which the Lord John King of England our father to the same William granted, and by his Charter confirmed in the same Town, and according to which Charter of the same Lord John the King, our father, which the same William had of him, and as the Charter of the said William which the said men had of him reasonably witnesses. Wherefore we will and firmly command for us and for our heirs that the said men of Chesterfield who now hold and who will hold of the said William in the said Town of Chesterfield are free burgesses, and that they and their heirs shall have and hold of the same William and his heirs the same liberties and free customs which the said Lord John the King our father to the same William granted and by his Charter confirmed in the same town

as is aforesaid. These witnesses R. Mar (shall) Count of Pembroke, Peter de Ryval, Capicer Pict, Ralf fil Nicol, Godefrido de Craucumb, Galfred Dispens, Galfred de Cauz, Richard fil Hugo, Henry de Capella and others. Given by the hand of the Venerable father Ralf Bishop of Chester, our Chancellor at Tewksbury, the 28th day of December, in the 17th year of our Reign. We therefore holding and maintaining the said Charter and all and singular that which is recited in it and approving thereof for ourselves and our heirs as much as we are able, do accept and approve and to our chosen men of the Town of Chesterfield and to their successors do ratify and confirm in so far as the said Charter reasonably testifies. In testimony whereof we make these letters patent. As witness ourselves at Westminster the 17th day of August, in the 4th year of our Reign, for 6 shillings and 8 pence paid into the hanaper.

UPTON.

Examined by WILLIAM MORLAND }
HENRY UPTON } *Clerks.*

XII.—CHARTER BY LETTERS PATENT OF KING EDWARD IV. TO THE BURGESSES OF CHESTERFIELD, DATED THE 12TH DAY OF MAY, IN THE 20TH YEAR OF HIS REIGN, CONFIRMING TO THEM THE PRIVILEGES WHICH THEY POSSESSED AS TENANTS OF THE ANCIENT DEMESNE OF THE CROWN OF ENGLAND, FROM THE TIME WHEN THE MEMORY OF MAN RUNNETH NOT TO THE CONTRARY.

(From the ORIGINAL LETTERS PATENT IN THE MUNIMENT ROOM OF THE CORPORATION OF CHESTERFIELD.)

EDWARDUS, Dei gratia Rex Anglie, Francie, Dominus Hiberne, omnibus et singulis Vicecomitibus, Maoribus, Bullivis, Constabularius et aliis fidelibus suis tam infra

libertates quam extra ad quos presentes lre pervenerint
 saltem cum secundem consuetudinem in regno nro Anglie
 hactenus optentam et approbatam hoies et tenentes de
 Antiquo Dominio Corone Anglie de theloneo stallagio
 chiminagio pontagio panagio picagio muragio lastagio et
 passagio p totum regnum nostrum pdcum quieti esse
 debeant ac secundum consuetudinem pdictum hoies
 tenentes de Antiquo Dominio Corone Anglie a contri-
 bucoe expensarum militum ad Parliamenta nra et pro-
 genitorum nostrorum quondam Regnum Anglie p civitate
 comm veniend semp hactenus a tempore quo non extat
 memoria quieti esse consueverint nec non secn consue-
 tudinem superdictum homines et tenentes de maniorum
 que sunt de antiquo dominico ejusdem corone p tris et
 tenement suis que tenent de eodem dominio in assisis in
 juratis seu recognicoibus aliquibs ponetr non debeant nisi
 tam de hiis que in cur hujusmodi maior debent fieri de
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 et Echingtun in com Derb de Antiquo Dominio Corone
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 tenentes de manerios predictis de Theloneo stallagio
 chiminagio pontagio panagio picagio muragio lastagio et
 passagio et expensis miletum quietos esse promittatis
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 literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes Teste me ipso apud
 Westm duo decimo die Mai Anno regni nostro vicesimo.

(Translation.)

EDWARD, by the grace of God, King of England and France, Lord of Ireland, to all and singular his Sheriffs, Mayors, Bailiffs, Constables, and others his faithful as well within the liberties as without, to whom these present letters shall come, health. Whereas, according to custom in our kingdom of England hitherto obtaining and being approved, the men and tenants of ancient demesne of the Crown of England ought to be free from tolls, stallage,¹ chiminage,² pontage,³ pannage,⁴ picage,⁵ lastage,⁶ and passage,⁷ through the whole of our aforesaid kingdom, and according to the aforesaid custom the said men tenants of ancient demesne of the Crown of England from the time in which memory does not exist (from the time when the memory of man runneth not to the contrary) have always hitherto been accustomed to be free from contribution to the expenses of knights coming from their common town to our Parliament, and that of our progenitors formerly Kings of England. And also according to the custom aforesaid the men and tenants of manors of ancient demesne of the same Crown for the lands and tenements which they hold of the same dominion should not be put upon assizes on juries or in any recognizances, except only for those which ought to be done in the court of these same manors. And Wittington, Brimington, Tapton, Chesterfield, Boythorp, and Eckington, in the county of Derby, of the ancient demesne of the Crown of England now remain, as appears by a certain notification to us in our chancellerie by our treasurer and chamberlain by our command therein sent and reckoned to you and each of you, we charge and prohibit that all

¹ The expenses of erecting stalls, ² of maintenance of ways, ³ of repair of bridges, ⁴ of the cost of feeding cattle in forest ways, ⁵ of the cost of breaking the lord's ground for stalls, ⁶ the tax on selling goods (such as herrings) by the last, ⁷ the passing over the sea.

and singular the men and tenants of the manors aforesaid shall be free from tolls, stallage, chiminage, pontage, pannage, picage, lastage, and passage, and expenses of knights; and also that you engage that you shall not put these same men and tenants of these manors upon assizes upon juries or upon any recognizance (except only those which ought to be done in the courts of these same manors) against the aforesaid custom and notification. If any thing to them or any of their men these sheriffs shall do without delay, ye shall release the same. In witness whereof we have made these letters patent. As witness ourselves at Westminster, the 12th day of May, in the 20th year of our reign.

XIII.—CHARTER OF KING HENRY VII. CONFIRMING TO THE BURGESSES OF CHESTERFIELD THE GREAT CHARTERS OF KINGS HENRY III. AND EDWARD IV., DATED THE 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER, IN THE TENTH YEAR OF HIS REIGN.

**The Third Great Charter to the Borough of
Chesterfield:**

(From the ORIGINAL IN THE MUNIMENT ROOM OF THE CORPORATION
OF CHESTERFIELD.)

HENRICUS, Dei Gra Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes lre pervenerint Saltem Inspeximus lras patentes Dni E nup Regis Anglie quarti de confirmacoe fcas in hec verba:—EDWARDUS Dei Gra Rex Anglie et Francie et Dns Hiberne. Omnibus ad quos presentes lre pervenerint Salutem Inspexims Cartam Domini H nuper Regis Anglie tercii post conquestum pmogenitoris nostri fcam in hec verba: Henricus Dei Gra Rex Angl Dns Hybn Dux Norm et

Aquit Com Andeg Archiepis Epis Abbibus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justic Vicecomitibus Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Ballivis et Fidelibus suis Salutem Sciatis nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse pro nobis et heredibus nostris hoibz Willi Briwerr qui de eo tenent et tenebunt in Villa de Cestrefeld libertatem qm eidem Wills eis concessit scilicet qd sint liberi Burgenses et qd ipi et heredes sui heant et teneant de eodem Willo et heredes suis easdem libtates et libas consuetudines inf villam et extra villam et in omnibus locis quas Dns J Rex Angl Pat nr eidem Willo concessit et carta sua confirmavit in eadem villa et secdm qd carta ejusdem Dni J Regis ptris nri quam idm Wills de eo habet et sicut carta pdci Willi qua pdci homines de eo habent ronabilr testatur Quare Volumus et firmit precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nris qd pdci homines de Cestrefeld qui de pdco Willo tenent et tenebunt in eadem villa de Cestrefeld sint liberi Burgenses et qd ipi et heredes sui heant et teneant de eodem Willo et heredibz suis easdem libertates et libas consuetudines quas pdcs Dns J Rex pr nr eidem Willo concessit et carta sua confirmavit in ead villa sicut predcm est. Hiis testibus: Rmar Com Penbr, Petro de Ryvall, Capicer Pict, Rado fil Nichol, Godefrido de Craucumb, Galfrido Dispens, Galfrido de Cauz, Ricardo filio Hugo, Henrico de Capella et Aliis. Data p manum venabilis ptrs Radi Cicestr Epi Cancellar nri apud Theokesbir vicesimo octavo die Decembr anno regni nostri septimo decimo. Nos autem cartam pdcam ac omnia et singula contenta in eadem rata hentes et gra ea p nob et heres nrs quantum in nobis est acceptamus et approbamus ac dilcis nobis nunc hoibus ville de Cestrefeld et eorum successoribus ratificamus et confirmavimus put carta predict ranobiler testat. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras

fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmr Decimo septimo die Augusti Anno regni nri quarto. Nos autem lras pdictas ac omnia in eisdem contenta rata hentes et grata ea p nob et heredibus nris quantum in nob est acceptamus et approbamus ac dulcis nuc hoibus ville de Cestrefeld et eorum successoribus ratificamus et confirmavimus put ltre pdic ronabiliter testant In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostris fieri fecimus patentes Teste me ipso apud Westm vicesimo octavo die Octobr Anno Regni nri decimo.

(Translation.)

HENRY, by the Grace of God, King of England, France, Lord of Ireland, To all to whom these letters patent shall come, Health. We have inspected the letters patent of the Lord Edward, lately King of England, the fourth, being a confirmation made in these words:—EDWARD, by the Grace of God, King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland. To all to whom these presents shall come Health. We have inspected the Charter of the Lord Henry, formerly King of England, the third after the Conquest our Progenitor made in these words:—Henry by the Grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, Count of Anjou, to his Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Counts, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Reeves, Ministers, and to all his bailiffs and his faithful Health. Know ye that we have granted and by this our Charter have confirmed for us and our heirs to the men of William Brewer who now hold of him or who will hold in the Town of Chesterfield the freedom which the same William Brewer granted them, that is to say, that they should be free burgesses and that they and their heirs should have and hold of the same William

and his heirs the liberties and free customs within the Town and without the Town, and in all places, which the Lord John King of England our father to the same William granted, and by his Charter confirmed in the same Town, and according to which Charter of the same Lord John the King, our Father, which the same William had of him, and as the Charter of the said William which the said men had of him reasonably witnesses. Wherefore we will and firmly command for us and for our heirs that the said men of Chesterfield who now hold and who will hold of the said William in the said Town of Chesterfield are free burgesses, and that they and their heirs shall have and hold of the same William and his heirs the same liberties and free customs which the said Lord John the King our father to the same William granted and by his Charter confirmed in the same town as is aforesaid. These witnesses R. Mar (shall) Count of Pembroke, Peter de Ryval, Capicer Pict, Ralf fil Nicol, Godefrido de Craucumb, Galfred Dispens, Galfred de Cauz, Richard fil Hugo, Henry de Capella and others. Given by the hand of the Venerable father Ralf Bishop of Chester, our Chancellor at Tewksbury, the 28th day of December, in the 17th year of our Reign. We therefore holding and maintaining the said Charter and all and singular that which is recited in it and approving thereof for ourselves and our heirs as much as we are able, do accept and approve, and to our chosen men of the Town of Chesterfield and to their successors do ratify and confirm in so far as the said Charter reasonably testifies. In testimony whereof we make these letters patent. As witness ourselves at Westminster the 17th day of August, in the 4th year of our Reign. We therefore, the said letters patent and all things therein contained, confirming, holding, and approving of

the same for ourselves and for our heirs as much as lieth in us do accept and approve, and to our chosen, the present men of the town of Chesterfield, and to their successors, do ratify and confirm according as the said letters reasonably testify. In testimony of which we have made these letters patent. As witness ourselves at Westminster, the 28th day of October, in the 10th year of our reign.

XIV.—CHARTER OF KING HENRY VIII., CONFIRMING TO THE BURGESSES OF CHESTERFIELD THE GREAT CHARTERS OF KINGS HENRY III., EDWARD IV., AND HENRY VII., DATED THE 24TH DAY OF MAY, IN THE THIRD YEAR OF HIS REIGN.

The Fourth Great Charter of the Borough of Chesterfield.

(From the ORIGINAL CHARTER NOW IN THE MUNIMENT ROOM OF THE CORPORATION OF CHESTERFIELD, RECOVERED AND RESTORED TO THE BOROUGH BY MR. ALDERMAN GEE, MAYOR OF CHESTERFIELD, ON THE 8TH DAY OF APRIL, 1884.)

HENRICUS, Dei Gra Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie omnibus ad quos presentes lre pervenerint Salutem Inspeximus literas patentes Dni H nuper Regis Anglie pr nostri de confirmacoe fcas in hec verba:—
HENRICUS, Dei Gra Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes lre pervenerint Saltem Inspeximus lras patentes Dni E nup Regis Anglie quarti de confirmacoe fcas in hec verba:—
EDWARDUS Dei Gra Rex Anglie et Francie et Dns Hiberne. Omnibus ad quos presentes lre pervenerint Salutem Inspexims Cartam Domini H nuper Regis Anglie tercii post conquestum pmogenitoris nostri fcam

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sint liberi Burgenses et qd ipi et heredes sui heant et
teneant de eodem Willo et heredes suis easdem libtates
et libas consuetudines inf villam et extra villam et in
omnibus locis quas Dns J Rex Angl Pat nr eidem Willo
concessit et carta sua confirmavit in eadem villa et secdm
qd carta ejusdem Dni J Regis ptris nri quam idm Wills
de eo habet et sicut carta pdci Willi qua pdci homines de
eo habent ronabilr testatur Quare Volumus et firmit pre-
cipimus pro nobis et heredibus nris qd pdci homines de
Cestrefeld qui de pdco Willo tenent et tenebunt in eadem
villa de Cestrefeld sint liberi Burgenses et qd ipi et here-
des sui heant et teneant de eodem Willo et heredibz suis
easdem libertates et libas consuetudines quas pdcs Dns
J Rex pr nr eidem Willo concessit et carta sua confir-
mavit in ead villa sicut predcm est. Hiis testibus: R
mar Com Penbr, Petro de Ryvall, Capicer Pict, Rado fil
Nichol, Godefrido de Craucumb, Galfrido Dispens, Gal-
frido de Cauz, Ricardo filio Hugo, Henrico de Capella et
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cartam pdcam ac omnia et singula contenta in eadem
rata hentes et gra ea p nob et heres nrs quantum in nobis
est acceptamus et approbamus ac dilcis nobis nunc
hoibus ville de Cestrefeld et eorum successoribus ratifi-
camus et confirmavimus put carta predict ranobilter

testat. In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Teste me ipso apud Westmr Decimo septimo die Augusti Anno regni nri quarto. Nos autem literas pdictas ac omnia et singula in eisdem contenta rata hentes et grata ea p nob et heredibus nostris quantum in nob est acceptamus et approbamus ac dulcis nob nunc hoibus ville de Cestrefeld predict et eorum successoribus ratificamus et confirmavimus put lre pdic ranobiliter testantur In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostris fieri fecimus patentes Teste me ipso apud Westm vicesimo quarto die Maii Anno regni nri tercio

PORTER.

Exd p JOHN YOUNG, } *Clicos.*
WILLIAM PORTER, }

(Translation.)

HENRY, by the Grace of God, King of England and France, Lord of Ireland. To all to whom these letters patent shall come, Greeting. We have inspected the letters patent of the Lord Henry, formerly King of England, our father, being a confirmation made in these words:—HENRY, by the Grace of God, King of England, France, Lord of Ireland, To all to whom these letters patent shall come, Health. We have inspected the letters patent of the Lord Edward, lately King of England, the fourth, being a confirmation made in these words:—EDWARD, by the Grace of God, King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland. To all to whom these presents shall come, Health. We have inspected the Charter of the Lord Henry, formerly King of England, the third after the Conquest our Progenitor made in these words:—HENRY, by the Grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, Count of Anjou, to his Archbishops, Bishops,

Abbots, Priors, Counts, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Reeves, Ministers, and to all his bailiffs and his faithful, Health. Know ye that we have granted and by this our Charter have confirmed for us and our heirs to the men of William Brewer who now hold of him or who will hold in the Town of Chesterfield the freedom which the same William Brewer granted them, that is to say, that they should be free burgesses and that they and their heirs should have and hold of the same William and his heirs the liberties and free customs within the Town and without the Town, and in all places, which the Lord John King of England our father to the same William granted, and by his Charter confirmed in the same Town, and according to which Charter of the same Lord John the King, our father, which the same William had of him, and as the Charter of the said William which the same men had of him reasonably witnesses. Wherefore we will and firmly command for us and for our heirs that the said men of Chesterfield who now hold and who will hold of the said William in the said Town of Chesterfield are free burgesses, and that they and their heirs shall have and hold of the same William and his heirs the same liberties and free customs which the said Lord John the King our father to the same William granted and by his Charter confirmed in the same town as is aforesaid. These witnesses R. Mar [shall] Count of Pembroke, Peter de Ryval, Capicer Pict, Ralf fil Nicol, Godefrido de Craucumb, Galfred Dispens, Galfred de Cauz, Richard fil Hugo, Henry de Capella and others. Given by the hand of the Venerable father Ralf Bishop of Chester, our Chancellor at Tewkesbury, the 28th day of December, in the 17th year of our Reign. We therefore, holding and maintaining the said Charter and all and singular that which is recited in it and approv-

ing thereof for ourselves and our heirs as much as we are able, do accept and approve and to our chosen men of the Town of Chesterfield and to their successors do ratify and confirm in so far as the said Charter reasonably testifies. In testimony whereof we make these letters patent. As witness ourselves at Westminster, the 17th day of August, in the 4th year of our Reign. We, therefore, the said letters, and all that which is contained therein, confirming, holding, and being content therewith for ourselves, and our heirs, as much as lieth in us, do accept and approve, and to our chosen men of the same town of Chesterfield, and to their successors, we do ratify and confirm, according as the said letters reasonably testify. In testimony whereof we have made these letters patent. As witness ourselves at Westminster the 24th day of May in the third year of our reign.

PORTER.

Examined by JOHN YOUNG,
WILLIAM PORTER, } *Clerks.*

XV.—CHARTER OF KING EDWARD VI. CONFIRMING TO THE BURGESSES OF CHESTERFIELD THE GREAT CHARTERS OF KINGS HENRY III., EDWARD IV., HENRY VII., AND HENRY VIII., DATED THE 28TH NOVEMBER, IN THE SECOND YEAR OF HIS REIGN.

The Fifth Great Charter of the Borough of Chesterfield.

(From the ORIGINAL IN THE MUNIMENT ROOM OF THE CORPORATION OF CHESTERFIELD.)

EDWARDUS SEXTUS Dei Gracia Anglie Francie et Hibernie Rex fidei Defensor et in terra ecclesie Anglicane et Hibernie Supremum Caput omnibus ad quos

psentes literas pervenerint salutem Inspeximus literas patentes Dni H nup regis Anglie pr noster de confirmacoe fcas in hec verba :—HENRICUS, Dei Gra Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie omnibus ad quos presentes ire pervenerint Salutem Inspeximus literas patentes Dni H nuper Regis Anglie pr nostri de confirmacoe fcas in hec verba :—HENRICUS, Dei Gra Rex Anglie et Francie et Dominus Hibernie Omnibus ad quos presentes lre pervenerint Saltem Inspeximus lras patentes Dni E nup Regis Anglie quarti de confirmacoe fcas in hec verba :—EDWARDUS Dei Gra Rex Anglie et Francie et Dns Hiberne. Omnibus ad quos presentes lre pervenerint Salutem Inspexims Cartam Domini H nuper Regis Anglie tercii post conquestum pmogenitoris nostri fcam in hec verba :—HENRICUS Dei Gra Rex Angl Dns Hybn Dux Norm et Aquit Com Andeg Archiepis Epis Abbi-bus Prioribus Comitibus Baronibus Justic Vicecomitibis Prepositis Ministris et omnibus Ballivis et Fidelibus suis Salutem Sciatis nos concessisse et hac carta nostra confirmasse pro nobis et heredibus nostris hoibs Willi Briwerr qui de eo tenent et tenebunt in Villa de Cestrefeld libertatem qm eidem Wills eis concessit scilicet qd sint liberi Burgenses et qd ipi et heredes sui heant et teneant de eodem Willo et heredes suis easdem libtates et libas consuetudines inf villam et extra villam et in omnibus locis quas Dns J Rex Angl Pat nr eidem Willo concessit et carta sua confirmavit in eadem villa et secdm qd carta ejusdem Dni J Regis ptris nri quam idm Wills de eo habet et sicut carta pdci Willi qua pdci homines de eo habent ronabilr testatur Quare Volumus et firmit precipimus pro nobis et heredibus nris qd pdci homines de Cestrefeld qui de pdco Willo tenent et tenebunt in eadem villa de Cestrefeld sint liberi Burgenses et qd ipi et heredes sui heant et teneant de eodem Willo et heredibz suis

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 frido de Cauz, Ricardo filio Hugo, Henrico de Capella et
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 rei testimonium has literas nostris fieri fecimus patentes
 Teste me ipso apud Westm vicesimo octavo die Octobr
 Anno Regni nri decimo. Nos autem literas pdictas ac
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(Translation.)

ELIZABETH, by the Grace of God, of England, France, and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith. To all to whom these present letters shall come, Health. We have inspected the letters patent of the Lord Edward the Sixth, lately King of England, our brother, of brightest fame, being a confirmation in these words:— EDWARD the VI., by the Grace of God, of England, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and upon earth supreme Head of the Churches of England and Ireland. To all to whom these presents shall come, Health. We have inspected the letters patent of the

Lord Henry, lately King of England, our Father in confirmation, made in these words:—HENRY, by the Grace of God, King of England and France, Lord of Ireland. To all to whom these letters patent shall come, Greeting. We have inspected the letters patent of the Lord Henry, formerly King of England, our father, being a confirmation made in these words:—HENRY, by the Grace of God, King of England, France, Lord of Ireland, To all to whom these letters patent shall come, Health. We have inspected the letters patent of the Lord Edward, lately King of England, the fourth, being a confirmation made in these words:—EDWARD, by the Grace of God, King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland. To all to whom these presents shall come, Health. We have inspected the Charter of the Lord Henry, formerly King of England, the third after the Conquest our Progenitor made in these words:—HENRY by the Grace of God, King of England, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, Count of Anjou, to his Archbishops, Bishops, Abbots, Priors, Counts, Barons, Justices, Sheriffs, Reeves, Ministers, and to all his bailiffs and his faithful, Health. Know ye that we have granted and by this our Charter have confirmed for us and our heirs to the men of William Brewer who now hold of him or who will hold in the Town of Chesterfield the freedom which the same William Brewer granted them, that is to say, that they should be free burgesses and that they and their heirs should have and hold of the same William and his heirs the liberties and free customs within the Town and without the Town, and in all places, which the Lord John King of England our father to the same William granted, and by his Charter confirmed in the same Town, and according to which Charter of the same

Lord John the King, our father, which the same William had of him, and as the Charter of the said William which the said men had of him reasonably witnesses. Wherefore we will and firmly command for us and for our heirs that the said men of Chesterfield who now hold and who will hold of the said William in the said Town of Chesterfield are free burgesses, and that they and their heirs shall have and hold of the same William and his heirs the same liberties and free customs which the said Lord John the King our father to the same William granted and by his Charter confirmed in the same town as is aforesaid. These witnesses R. Mar (shall) Count of Pembroke, Peter de Ryval, Capicer Pict, Ralf fil Nicol, Godefrido de Craucumb, Galfred Dispens, Galfred de Cauz, Richard fil Hugo, Henry de Capella and others. Given by the hand of the Venerable father Ralf Bishop of Chester, our Chancellor at Tewksbury, the 28th day of December, in the 17th year of our Reign. We therefore holding and maintaining the said Charter and all and singular that which is recited in it and approving thereof for ourselves and our heirs as much as we are able, do accept and approve and to our chosen men of the Town of Chesterfield and to their successors do ratify and confirm in so far as the said Charter reasonably testifies. In testimony whereof we make these letters patent. As witness ourselves at Westminster the 17th day of August, in the 4th year of our Reign. We, therefore, the said letters patent and all things therein contained, confirming, holding, and approving of the same for ourselves and for our heirs as much as lieth in us do accept and approve, and to our chosen, the present men of the town of Chesterfield, and to their successors, do ratify and confirm according as the said letters reasonably testify. In testimony of which we have made

these letters patent. As witness ourselves at Westminster, the 28th day of October, in the 10th year of our reign. We, therefore, the said letters, and all that which is contained therein, confirming, holding, and being content therewith for ourselves, and our heirs, as much as lieth in us, do accept and approve, and to our chosen men of the same town of Chesterfield, and to their successors, we do ratify and confirm, according to the said letters reasonably testify. In testimony whereof we have made these letters patent. As witness ourselves at Westminster the 24th day of May in the third year of our reign. We, therefore, the aforesaid letters, and all and singular the things therein contained, ratifying, holding, and being content therewith for ourselves and our heirs, as much as we are able, do accept and approve, and to our chosen the present men of the town of Chesterfield aforesaid, and their successors, do ratify and confirm, according as the letters aforesaid reasonably testify. In testimony of which we have made these our letters patent. As witness ourselves at Westminster the 28th day of November, in the second year of our reign. We, therefore, the aforesaid letters patent, and all things in the same contained, approving, holding, and confirming for us, and for our heirs, as much as is possible in us, do accept and approve, and to our beloved men, now free Burgesses of the town of Chesterfield, do ratify and confirm, according as the said letters themselves reasonably testify. In witness whereof we have made these our letters patent. As witness ourselves at Westminster, the 13th day of December, in the ninth year of our reign.

XVII.—THE SECOND CHARTER BY LETTERS PATENT OF
 QUEEN ELIZABETH TO THE BURGESSES OF CHESTER-
 FIELD, DATED THE 13TH DAY OF DECEMBER, IN THE
 9TH YEAR OF HER REIGN, CONFIRMING TO THEM THE
 PRIVILEGES WHICH THEY POSSESSED AS TENANTS OF
 THE ANCIENT DEMESNE OF THE CROWN OF ENGLAND,
 FROM THE TIME WHEN THE MEMORY OF MAN RUNNETH
 NOT TO THE CONTRARY. (*With the great seal attached.*)

(FROM THE ORIGINAL LETTERS PATENT IN THE MUNIMENT ROOM OF
 THE CORPORATION OF CHESTERFIELD.)

ELIZABETH, Dei gratia Anglie, Francie, et Hiberne,
 Regina, omnibus et singulis Vicecomitibus, Maoribus,
 Bullivis, Constabularius et aliis fidelibus suis tam infra
 libertates quam extra ad quos presentes lre pervenerint
 saltem Cum secundem consuetudinem in regno nro Anglie
 hactenus optentam et approbatam hoies et tenentes de
 Antiquo Dominico Corone Anglie de theoloneo stallagio
 chiminagio pontagio panagio picagio muragio lastagio et
 passagio p totum regnum nostrum pdcum quieti esse
 debeant ac secundum consuetudinem pdictum hoies
 tenentes de Antiquo Dominico Corone Anglie a contri-
 bucoe expensarum militum ad Parliamenta nra et pro-
 genitorum nostrorum quondam Regum Anglie p civitate
 com veniend semp hactenus a tempore quo non extat
 memoria quieti esse consueverint necnon secn consue-
 tudinem superdictum homines et tenentes de maiores
 que sunt de antiquo dominico ejusdem corone p tris et
 tenement suis que tenent de eodem dominico in assisis in
 juratis seu recognicoibus aliquibz ponetr non debeant nisi
 tam de hiis que in cur hujusmodi maior debent fieri ac
 Mania Witintune Brimintune Taptune Cestrefeld Buttorp
 et Echingtun in com Derb de Antiquo Dominico Corone

Anglie existant sicut per quandam etificacoem nob in Cancellar nostrum p Thes et Camararii nostris de mandato nostro inde missam et comptum vobis et cuibt vrm mumgimus et mandamus quí omes et singulos homines et tenentes de maneriis predictis de Theoloneo stallagio chiminagio pontagio panagio picagio muragio lastagio et passagio et expensis miletum quietos esse promittatis necnon eosdem homines et tenentes eorum maniorum in assisis juratis seu recognicoibus aliquibus non ponatur nisi tantum in hiis que in curia hujusmodi maniorum debent fieri contra consuetudinem supradictum et disquicicoem si quam eis vel eorum alieni hiis vicecombis fecitis sine dilone relaxetis eisdem In cujus rei testimonium has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes Teste me ipsa apud Westm tcio decimo die Decembris Anno regni nostri nono.

(Translation.)

ELIZABETH, by the grace of God, Queen of England, France, and Ireland, to all and singular her Sheriffs, Mayors, Bailiffs, Constables, and others her faithful as well within the liberties as without, to whom these present letters shall come, Health. Whereas, according to custom in our kingdom of England hitherto obtaining and being approved, the men and tenants of ancient demesne of the Crown of England ought to be free from tolls, stallage, chiminage, pontage, pannage, picage, lastage, and passage, through the whole of our aforesaid kingdom, and according to the aforesaid custom the said men tenants of ancient demesne of the Crown of England from the time in which memory does not exist (from the time when the memory of man runneth not to the contrary) have always hitherto been accustomed to be free from contribution to the expenses of knights coming from their

common town to our Parliament, and that of our progenitors formerly Kings of England. And also according to the custom aforesaid the men and tenants of manors of ancient demesne of the same Crown for the lands and tenements which they hold of the same dominion should not be put upon assizes on juries or in any recognizances, except only for those which ought to be done in the court of these same manors. And Wittington, Brimington, Tapton, Chesterfield, Boythorp, and Eckington, in the county of Derby, of the ancient demesne of the Crown of England now remain, as appears by a certain notification to us in our chancellerie by our treasurer and chamberlain by our command therein sent and reckoned to you and each of you, we charge and command that all and singular the men and tenants of the manors aforesaid shall be free from tolls, stallage, chiminage, pontage, pannage, picage, lastage, and passage, and expenses of knights; and also that you engage that you shall not put these same men and tenants of these manors upon assizes, upon juries, or upon any recognizance (except only those which ought to be done in the courts of these same manors) against the aforesaid custom and notification. If any thing to them or any of their men these sheriffs shall do without delay, ye shall release them. In witness whereof we have made these letters patent. As witness ourselves at Westminster, the 13th day of December, in the 9th year of our reign.

XVIII.—THIRD CHARTER OF QUEEN ELIZABETH TO THE BOROUGH OF CHESTERFIELD.

(This important Charter, confirming the rights of the prescriptive Borough in the clearest manner, commences a new series of Charters. Shortly after the date of the last Charter, apparently not content with their position (which was the highest a corporate town could hold), the Corporation unwisely sued

the Queen (it must be so presumed, though no proof except a recital in the deed of the Act remains) for a Charter of Incorporation, which the Queen Elizabeth granted them, and in so doing stated truly that she thereby reduced them into a body corporate. This Charter is dated 21st day of April, in the fortieth year of the Queen.)

(From the ORIGINAL CHARTER IN THE MUNIMENT ROOM OF THE CORPORATION OF CHESTERFIELD.)

ELIZABETH, by the Grace of God, of England, France, and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith. To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting. Whereas, Lord John, formerly King of England, our Progenitor, by his letters patent under his great seal of England hath given, granted, and confirmed to William Brewer and his heirs, for his homage and service, the Manor of Chesterfield in Derbyshire, with Brimington and Whittington, and the socage and whole hundred of Scarsdale, with all its entire appurtenances, and that they should have the same liberties and free customs as his Borough of Nottingham, in all places and all things, yet so that his Boroughs of Nottingham and Derby might not loose their liberties which they then had, and ought to have, and also by the same letters patent hath willed that the same Chesterfield should be a free Borough, yet so that no Burgess and Merchant in it, or in the aforesaid hundred, or in the socage, should have liberty or free customs but through William Brewer himself, or his heirs. And, moreover, hath granted by the same his letters patent to the same William Brewer and his heirs to have at Chesterfield one fair every year on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, to continue for the space of eight days, and besides a market at the same place every week, to continue for the space of two days, that is to say, on Tuesday and Saturday, with all liberties and free customs to a fair and market appertaining, and

that toll should be taken in the aforesaid fair and markets of all those who were not free, and further hath willed and strictly commanded that they should have and hold all things aforesaid so well and peaceably, freely, quietly, and entirely, fully and honestly, as the same formerly, King of England and his predecessors, as by the same letters patent now fully appears. And whereas, also, Lord Henry the third, formerly King of England, our Progenitor, by his letters patent under his great seal of England, bearing date at Thoresbury, the twenty-eighth day of December, in the seventeenth year of his reign, hath granted and confirmed for himself and his heirs to the men of William Brewer, who of him then held, or from that time should hold, in the town of Chesterfield the liberty which the same William hath granted to them, to wit, that they should be free Burgesses, and that they and their heirs should have and hold of the same William and his heirs the same liberties and free customs within the town and without the town, in all places as Lord John, formerly King of England, father of the said Henry, formerly King, granted to the same William, and confirmed by his charter in the same town, and according to what the charter of the same Lord John which the same William had of him, and as the charter of the aforesaid William which the aforesaid men had of him reasonably testify. And also the same Henry, formerly King, hath willed and strictly commanded for himself and his heirs that the aforesaid men of Chesterfield, who of the aforesaid William then held, and from that time should hold, in the same town of Chesterfield, should be free Burgesses, and that they and their heirs should have and hold of the same William and his heirs the same liberties and free customs as the aforesaid Lord John to the said William

granted, and by his charter confirmed, in the same town as aforesaid, as by the same letters patent more fully appears. And, whereas, the Burgesses and inhabitants of the said Borough of Chesterfield *from time immemorial* have peaceably held, had, and enjoyed, as well the aforesaid rights, jurisdictions, liberties, franchises, acquittances, and privileges, as divers other customs, liberties, immunities, exemptions, and jurisdictions, *as well by prescription* as by reason and pretext of the said charters, grants, and confirmations, *and of divers other charters and grants by our* progenitors and predecessors, Kings of England, *and by other Burgesses or inhabitants* of the Borough of Chesterfield aforesaid, and their successors heretofore appointed. And, whereas, also, by the insinuations of divers Burgesses and inhabitants of the said Borough, we have been informed that divers ambiguities and alterations have long since arisen, and are likely to arise every day, more and more *on account of the uncertain and various names* and appellations by which the Burgesses and inhabitants of the aforesaid Borough are INCORPORATED, named, and called, without a certainty of which name they cannot defend their lands, tenements, liberties, and purchases; and, moreover, the said Burgesses and inhabitants have most humbly besought us, for the sake of avoiding disputes and controversies that might arise hereafter upon that occasion, that we would vouchsafe to make, reduce, and create those Burgesses and inhabitants into one certain, definite, *and undoubted body corporate and politic*. We, therefore, considering that the Borough of Chesterfield aforesaid is an ancient and populous Borough (*est Burgus antiquus et populosus*), and being desirous that for the future a certain and undoubted method may be continually held in the said Borough for the keeping of the peace and the ruling and governing the

people there, and that the Borough from hereafter may be, and continue to be, a Borough of peace and quietness, to the terror of evil doers, and to the reward of them that do well, and also that our peace and other acts of justice may be kept and done there without further delay of our special grace, and from our certain knowledge and mere motion we will ordain, constitute, and grant for us, our heirs and successors, by these presents that as well the Borough as the town of Chesterfield may be, and continue to be for ever hereafter a free Borough of itself, and that the Burgesses of that Borough and the inhabitants of the aforesaid town for ever hereafter may be, and shall be, one body corporate and politic in fact, and named by the appellation of Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Chesterfield, and by these presents we make, ordain, and create them really and fully for us, our heirs and successors one body corporate and politic by the name of Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Chesterfield, and that by the same name they may have a perpetual succession, and that they by the name of Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Chesterfield may be, and shall be for ever hereafter, persons proper and capable in law to have, require, receive, and possess lands, tenements, liberties, privileges, jurisdictions, franchises, and hereditaments of what sort, nature, or kind soever they may be to themselves and their successors in fee and perpetuity, and also to give, grant, demise, and assign the same lands, tenements, and hereditaments, and to do and execute all and singular other acts and things by the aforesaid name, and that by the name of Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Chesterfield they may plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended in all courts and places and

before any Judges and Justices and other persons and officers of us, our heirs and successors, in all and singular actions, suits, complaints, causes, matters and demands whatsoever of what sort, nature, condition or kind soever in the same manner and form as other our subjects of this our Kingdom of England, being persons proper and capable in law can plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, and have, require, receive, possess, give, grant and demise, and that the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the aforesaid Borough and their successors for ever hereafter may have their seal to serve for all the causes and businesses of them and their successors, and that it be lawful and shall be lawful for the same Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the aforesaid Borough and their successors to break, change, and make anew that seal according to their pleasure from time to time as shall seem to them more expedient. And we further will and for us our heirs and successors by these presents grant to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the aforesaid Borough and their successors that for ever hereafter there may be and shall be in the aforesaid Borough one Mayor, six Aldermen, and six Brothers, to be chosen and appointed out of the Capital Burgesses of the aforesaid Borough, in the form below specified in these our letters patent, and for the better execution of the same, our wills and grants, in this respect we have assigned, nominated, appointed, and made, and for us our heirs and successors do assign, nominate, appoint and make our beloved Ralph Clerke, Burgess of the aforesaid Borough, that he shall be and is the first and modern Mayor of the aforesaid Borough, willing that the same Ralfe Clerke shall be and shall continue in the office of Mayor of the same borough from the date of these presents to the Feast of Saint Michael the Arch-

angel next ensuing, and from the same feast till another Burgess of the aforesaid Borough shall be appointed and sworn to that office according to the ordinances and provisions in these respects below expressed and specified, if the same Ralf Clerke shall so long live. Also we assign, nominate and appoint by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, our beloved John Woodward, Godfrey Heathcott, Thomas Heathcott, Thomas Raynshaw, Hugh Wheldon, and Thomas Ingman, Burgesses of the said Borough of Chesterfield, and they shall be and are the first and modern Aldermen of the said Borough, and that they shall be and continue in the office of Aldermen of the same Borough from the date of these presents so long as they shall behave themselves well in the same. And moreover we nominate and appoint by these presents our beloved Thomas Rawlinson, Martin Bretland, James Bretland, John Dobb, John Knott, and John Ash, Burgesses of the said Borough, that they shall be and are the first and modern Bretheren of the said Borough, to be and continue in that office from the date of these presents so long as they shall behave themselves well in the same; we also will and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, ordain and grant to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the aforesaid Borough, and their successors, that for ever hereafter there be and shall be in the aforesaid Borough twelve men of the better and more reputable Burgesses of the aforesaid Borough who shall be called and named Capital Burgesses of the aforesaid Borough, and together with the Mayor, Aldermen, and Bretheren of the said Borough for the time being, shall be made and for ever hereafter shall be called the Common Council of the aforesaid Borough for all things, matters, and causes touching or concern-

ing the aforesaid Borough and the good state, regimen, and government thereof, and they are and shall be, from time to time, aids and assistants to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Bretheren for the time being, in all causes and matters touching the said Borough; and we have assigned, nominated and appointed, and for us, our heirs and successors, do assign, nominate and appoint our beloved William Webster, Richard Fletcher, Ralf Ashe the younger, Richard Woodward, Godfrey Platts, Ralf Penyston, William Heathcott, Peter Dowker, Thomas Fore, Ralph Heathcott, John Hemmersley, and George Ingman, that they shall be and are the first and modern Capital Burgesses of the aforesaid Borough, so to continue in those offices so long as they shall behave themselves well in the same. And we will and by these presents, for us our heirs and successors, do ordain and grant to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the aforesaid Borough and their successors for ever, that it may be lawful for the same Mayor, Aldermen, Bretheren, and Capital Burgesses of the said Borough for the time being, or for the greater part of them, of whom we will that the aforesaid Mayor be one to have, keep, require, provide, or appoint a certain Council House or Guildhall within the aforesaid Borough, and that the same Mayor, Aldermen, Bretheren, and Capital Burgesses for the time being, or the greater part of them who shall be assembled together, of whom we will that the aforesaid Mayor be one as often as it shall appear to them necessary and convenient, may for ever hereafter call together and hold in the same house a certain Court or Convocation of the same Mayor, Aldermen, Bretheren, and Capital Burgesses, or the greater part of them, of whom we will that the aforesaid Mayor be one, and in the same Court or Convocation treat,

refer, consult, advise, and determine, concerning the statutes, laws, articles and ordinances of the aforesaid Borough, and the good regimen, state and government thereof, according to their sound discretion, and according to the sound discretion of the greater part of the same who shall be assembled for the time being, of whom we will that the Mayor be one. And that the Mayor, Aldermen, Bretheren, and Capital Burgesses for the time being, or the greater part of the same who shall be so assembled, of whom we will that the aforesaid Mayor be one, in the Court or Convocation aforesaid gathered together and assembled, may have, and by these presents for ever hereafter shall have full power, authority and faculty, of composing, constituting, ordaining and making, establishing and publishing, from time to time, such laws, institutes, rights, ordinances and constitutions, which to them, or to the greater part of them so assembled, of whom we will that the aforesaid Mayor be one, shall appear according to their sound discretion to be good, wholesome, useful, honest, and necessary for the good regimen and government of the Mayor, Aldermen, Bretheren, and Capital Burgesses of the aforesaid Borough, and of all and singular other Burgesses of the same Borough, and the merchants, officers, ministers, artificers, inhabitants, and residents of that Borough or within that Borough for the time being. And also for the government of a Grammar School hereafter to be erected, founded and established within the same Borough, and of a master and usher of the same, and of boys in the same school hereafter to be educated, and for a declaration in what manner and order the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, Bretheren, Capital Burgesses, and all other and singular ministers, officers, Burgesses, artificers, inhabitants and residents of that Borough or within the

aforesaid Borough, and their factors, children, servants, and apprentices in their offices, functions, services, trades, educations, exercises, and businesses within the aforesaid Borough, the liberty and precincts of the same for the time being, and from time to time shall behave and demean themselves and otherwise for the further public good, common utility, and good regimen of the aforesaid Borough, and also for the better preservation, government, disposal, letting, and demising of the lands, tenements, possessions, revenues and hereditaments of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the aforesaid Borough or their successors, and of all other things and causes whatsoever touching or in any way concerning the aforesaid borough, or the statutes, rights, and interests of the same; and that the Mayor, Aldermen, Brothers and Capital Burgesses of the same borough, for the time being, or the greater part of them, who for the time being shall be gathered together or assembled, of whom we will that the aforesaid Mayor be one, as often as they shall compose, make, ordain, or establish in the aforesaid form such laws, institutes, rights, ordinances and constitutions, may for ever hereafter make, ordain, limit, and provide such pains, punishments, penalties, and bodily imprisonments, either by fines and amerciaments, or by disfranchisements, and removing from the liberties, privileges, and immunities of the same borough, or by any one of these towards and upon all offenders against such laws, institutes, rights, ordinances and constitutions, or any of them, as to the same Mayor, Aldermen, Bretheren and Capital Burgesses of the aforesaid borough, or the greater part of them assembled as aforesaid, of whom we will that the aforesaid Mayor be one, shall seem necessary and requisite for the observation of the aforesaid laws, ordinances and constitutions, and that they may levy and

have the same fines and amerçiements, without impediment of us or our heirs or successors, or any officers or ministers of us or our heirs or successors, all and singular which laws, ordinances, and constitutions that shall be made as aforesaid, we for us, our heirs and successors, by these presents will, ordain and command, to be observed under the penalties to be therein contained, yet so that the laws, ordinances, institutes and constitutions of this sort be not repugnant nor contrary to the laws and statutes of our Kingdom of England; and moreover we will, and for us our heirs and successors, by these presents grant to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the aforesaid borough, and their successors, that the Mayor, Aldermen, Brothers and Capital Burgesses of the aforesaid borough for the time being, or the greater part of them, of whom we will that the aforesaid Mayor be one, from time to time for ever hereafter, may have and shall have power and authority every year, on the Sunday next after the Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, to chuse and nominate one out of the number of the aforesaid six Aldermen, who shall be Mayor of the said borough for one whole year then next ensuing; and that he, after he shall be chosen and nominated as aforesaid to be Mayor of the aforesaid borough, before he be admitted to execute that office, shall make his corporal oath on the Monday next following his nomination and election aforesaid, before the last Mayor his predecessor, if he be living, otherwise before the aforesaid Aldermen of the aforesaid borough for the time being or the greater part of them, in the aforesaid Court or Council House, well and faithfully to perform the office, and that after such oaths so made, he may execute the office of Mayor of the aforesaid borough for one whole year then next ensuing; And if it shall happen that any Mayor of the

aforesaid borough, at any time within one year after he hath been chosen, appointed and sworn as aforesaid, die or be removed from his office, that then and so often it be lawful and shall be lawful for the aforesaid Aldermen, Bretheren, and Capital Burgesses of the said borough for the time being, or for the greater part of them, to chuse and appoint another Mayor of the aforesaid borough, out of the number of the aforesaid Aldermen, and that he thus newly elected and appointed, may have and exercise that office during the remainder of the same year, having first made his corporal oath in the aforesaid form, and this as often as that case shall happen. We will, moreover, and for us, our heirs and successors, by these presents grant to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the aforesaid borough and their successors, that if it shall happen that any one or more of the aforesaid Aldermen of the aforesaid borough for the time being shall die, or be removed from his or their places, that then and so often it may and shall be lawful for the Mayor and other Aldermen, and Bretheren and Capital Burgesses of the aforesaid borough, or the greater part of them, of whom we will that the aforesaid Mayor be one, to chuse, nominate and appoint one or more others out of the number of the Bretheren of the same borough for the time being, into the place or places of that or those Aldermen who happened so to die or be removed ; and that he or they so elected and appointed, having first before the Mayor of the aforesaid borough for the time being, made his or their corporal oath, shall be of the number of the aforesaid Aldermen of the aforesaid borough, and this as often as that case shall so happen ; and if it shall happen that any one or more of the aforesaid Bretheren of the aforesaid borough for the time being, at any time hereafter die or be removed from his or their

places, that then and so often it may be and shall be lawful for the Mayor and Aldermen and other Bretheren and Capital Burgesses of the aforesaid borough, or the greater part of them who shall be assembled, of whom we will the aforesaid Mayor shall be one, to chuse, nominate and appoint one or more others of the Capital Burgesses of the aforesaid borough, into the place or places of the said Brother or Bretheren who happened to die or be removed ; and that he or they so elected and appointed, having first before the Mayor of the aforesaid borough for the time being, made his or their corporal oath, shall be from that time of the number of the aforesaid Bretheren of the aforesaid borough, and this as often as that case shall so happen ; and if it shall happen that any one or more of the aforesaid Capital Burgesses of the aforesaid borough for the time being die or be removed from his or their places, that then and so often it may and shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen, Bretheren and other Capital Burgesses of the aforesaid borough, still surviving or remaining, or for the greater part of them who for the time being shall be assembled, of whom we will that the Mayor of the aforesaid borough be one, to chuse, nominate, and appoint one or more others of the Burgesses of the aforesaid borough, into the place or places of the Capital Burgess or Burgesses who happened so to die or be removed ; and that he or they so elected and appointed, having first made before the Mayor of the aforesaid borough for the time being, his or their corporal oath, shall be of the number of the Capital Burgesses aforesaid, and this as often as that case shall so happen ; and if any person or persons who shall have been elected and nominated to the offices of Mayor, Aldermen, Bretheren, or Capital Burgesses of the aforesaid borough, or to any one or other of these, and having

knowledge and intelligence of that election and nomination, shall refuse or deny the office or offices to which he or they so refusing and denying, have been elected and nominated, then and so often it may and shall be lawful for the Mayor and Aldermen of the aforesaid borough for the time being, or the greater part of the same, of whom we will that the aforesaid Mayor be one, to commit to prison within the aforesaid borough, the person or persons so refusing and denying to exercise the office or offices to which he or they have been elected and nominated ; moreover, that the aforesaid Mayor and Aldermen, or the greater part of them, of whom we will that the aforesaid Mayor be one, may appoint him or them to continue there in some convenient place, until he or they are willing to exercise the office or offices, and tax and impose fines and amerciaments upon such refusing person or persons, as to the said Mayor and Aldermen for the time being, or to the greater part of them, of whom we will the aforesaid Mayor be one, shall seem reasonable ; and commit to prison within the aforesaid borough, and keep in the same him or them so refusing, until he or they pay or cause to be paid, those fines and amerciaments for the use of the said borough. And farther we will, and for us, our heirs and successors by these presents grant, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the aforesaid borough, that they and their successors for ever, may have in the aforesaid borough one honest and discreet man, who shall be and shall be called, the Common Clerk of that borough ; and that the Mayor, Aldermen, Bretheren and Capital Burgesses of that borough for the time being, or the greater part of the same who for the time shall be assembled, of whom we will that the aforesaid Mayor be one, may chuse, nominate and appoint from time to time, one

honest and discreet man to be the Common Clerk of the said borough ; and that he who shall be chosen, nominated and appointed the Common Clerk of the same borough as aforesaid, may have, exercise, and enjoy the office of the Common Clerk of that borough, so long as he shall behave himself well in the same. And as often as, and whensoever it shall happen, that the said Common Clerk for the time being shall die, or be removed from his office, that then, and so often, it may and shall be lawful for the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, Bretheren and Capital Burgesses of the aforesaid borough for the time being, or for the greater part of them who shall be assembled, of whom we will the aforesaid Mayor be one, to nominate, chuse and appoint another in the place of him dying, or being removed, and this as often as that case shall so happen. We have granted moreover, and for us, our heirs and successors by these presents do grant to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the aforesaid borough, and to their successors, that the Mayor of the same borough for the time being, for ever hereafter may and shall have power and authority of taking recognizances, according to the form of the statute of Acton Burnell, and according to the form of the statute of Merchants, set forth in the parliament of Lord Edward the First, our progenitor, in the thirteenth year of his reign ; and that the Common Clerk of the same borough for the time being, for ever hereafter may and shall be the Clerk of us, our heirs and successors, to receive, make and inroll due recognizances, according to the form of the aforesaid statutes ; And for us, our heirs and successors, the said Common Clerk of the aforesaid borough for the time being, we make, ordain and appoint by these presents, the Clerk of us, our heirs and successors, to receive, make and inroll due recognizances,

according to the form of the aforesaid statute within the borough aforesaid ; so that, if any merchant or other person hereafter, shall cause his debtor or debtors to come before the aforesaid Mayor of the borough aforesaid, for the time being, and the Common Clerk of the same borough for the time being, and before them to recognise his or their debts and the day of payment, then the same recognizance may be inrolled by the Common Clerk aforesaid, according to the form of the aforesaid statute. And that the aforesaid Mayor of the borough aforesaid for the time being, and the Common Clerk of the same borough for the time being, may have for ever hereafter a Seal of two pieces, of which the larger piece shall remain in the power of the Mayor of the aforesaid borough for the time being, and the less piece from thence shall remain in the power of the aforesaid Common Clerk of the same borough for the time being, for the sealing of such recognizances ; and that the said Mayor and Common Clerk, and any of them for ever hereafter may do and transact all and singular other things which are appointed and required by the aforesaid statutes, or any of them, in and about the aforesaid recognizances. We have granted moreover, and for us, our heirs and successors by these presents do grant to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and their successors, that the Mayor of the same borough for the time being, for ever hereafter during the time in which he shall happen to be in the office of Mayor of the same borough, be a Justice of us, our heirs and successors, to preserve and cause to be preserved the peace and the statutes concerning labourers and artificers, weights and measures, in the same borough, the liberty and precincts of the same, and all and singular the things which to the office of one Justice of the peace within the same

borough, the liberty and precincts of the same appertain to be done: the same Mayor of the same borough for the time being, may do and perform from time to time. And all and singular things which to more Justices within the borough aforesaid, appertain to be done, the same Mayor for the time being, together with other Justices of the peace of the said county of Derby, may do and perform for ever hereafter, as fully and intirely, and in as ample manner and form as any other Justices of our peace of our heirs and successors, in our county of Derby, by the laws and statutes of this our kingdom of England is enabled to do and perform; So that no Justices of our peace of our heirs or successors in the said county of Derby, or his ministers, may introduce themselves within the aforesaid borough, the liberty or precincts of the same, to do any thing which to our Justice of the peace appertains to be done; nor yet enter by himself or his ministers for ever hereafter, within the same borough, to the liberties and precincts of the same, without the aforesaid Mayor of the same borough, to do any thing which to the office of two or more Justices of the peace appertains to be done. And farther, we will, and for us, our heirs and successors grant by these presents to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the aforesaid borough, and to their successors, that they and their successors for ever hereafter, may have, hold, use, and enjoy, as well within the borough aforesaid, the liberty and precincts of the same, as elsewhere, all and singular the customs, liberties, privileges, franchises, immunities, acquittances, exemptions, jurisdictions, lands, tenements, revenues, reversions, services, annuities, demises and hereditaments, whatsoever, which the Mayor, Aldermen, and burgesses of the said borough, or the Aldermen and Burgesses of the same borough, or the Burgesses of the

same borough, or a Comptroller and Burgess of that borough, or inhabitants of the same borough, or men of Chesterfield, or any one or more of them, or any other person or persons, to their use or the use of any of them, by what name or names soever, or by what incorporation, or by pretext of what incorporation soever, have heretofore had, held, exercised, used, or enjoyed, or ought to have, hold, exercise, use, or enjoy, by reason or pretext of any charters or letters patent, by us, or by any of our predecessors or progenitors, or by any other person or persons in any wise heretofore made, confirmed, or granted, or by what other legal manner, right, custom, use, prescription or title heretofore commonly had and used, any abuse and non-use, or evil use thereof, heretofore made or committed, to the contrary notwithstanding; all and singular which customs, liberties, privileges, franchises, immunities, acquittances, exemptions, jurisdictions, lands, tenements, revenues, reversions, services, annuities, demises, and hereditaments, having ratified and approved of, for us, our heirs and successors, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the aforesaid borough, and to their successors for ever, of our special grace, by the tenor of these presents we grant, approve, ratify and confirm by these presents.

And whereas Godfrey Foljambe, Esquire, deceased, by his testament and last will in writing, bearing date the twenty-fourth day of February, in the thirty-seventh year of our reign, amongst other things, hath willed and appointed that Isabella his wife, her heirs or assigns, after a certain time in the said testament specified, should every year give and pay an annual salary of forty pounds of lawful money of England for and towards the perpetual maintenance of one preacher, who shall sincerely and diligently preach the Word of God in Chesterfield

aforesaid: And also, should every year give and pay one other annual salary of thirteen pounds six shillings and eightpence of like lawful money of England, for and towards the perpetual maintenance of one Schoolmaster, for the education and instruction of boys in Chesterfield aforesaid. And whereas the Burgesses and Inhabitants of the same borough, being desirous to keep with them from time to time, as well one venerable honest man, and learned in the sacred Scriptures, who may continually, diligently, and sincerely exercise himself in preaching and explaining the Word of God at Chesterfield aforesaid, in the parochial Church there, according to the true intention of the said Godfrey Foljambe, as also to build, found, and erect one Grammar School within the said borough, for the pious education of boys in the same; We being earnest as far as in us lies, to promote such pious works, that the said Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the said borough might be more enabled to perform such and other works useful to the same borough, of our special grace and from our certain knowledge and mere motion, have granted and given licence, and for us, our heirs and successors do grant and give by these presents special licence and free and lawful faculty, power and authority to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the aforesaid borough, and their successors, to erect, build, found and establish one Grammar School within the borough aforesaid, to be governed according to appointment by the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, Bretheren, and Capital Burgesses of the borough aforesaid, for the time being, or the greater part of the same, of whom we will that the aforesaid Mayor be one; which School shall be and shall be called the Free Grammar School of Chesterfield; and also to have, receive, and require to them and their successors for ever, as well of

us, our heirs and successors, as of William Bower, Knight, who hath now married the aforesaid Isabella, or of others our subjects and liege men, or of any other person or persons whatsoever, the manor, messuages, lands, tenements, rectories, tythes, revenues, annuities, reversions, services and other possessions, preventions and hereditaments whatsoever, which are not held of us, our heirs or successors in chief, nor by military service, without the special licence of us, our heirs or successors, and without the licence of the lord or lords of whom the aforesaid manor, lands, tenements, revenues, possessions, reversions, or hereditaments are held, or shall happen to be held, at the time of the said requisition therefrom ; Provided that the said manor, messuages, lands, tenements, rectories, tythes, revenues, annuities, preventions and hereditaments, do not exceed the yearly value of eighty pounds per annum, over and above all burthens and reprises, the statute of mortmain, or any statute, act, ordinance, provision or restriction to the contrary, heretofore had, made, published, ordained or provided, or any other thing, cause, or matter whatsoever, in any wise notwithstanding. We will also, and by these presents grant for us, our heirs and successors, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough aforesaid, that they may have and shall have these our letters patent, under our great seal of England, duly made and signed, without fine or fee, great or small, to us in our Hanaper or elsewhere, for our use to be returned, paid or made from thence in any wise, there having not been made in these presents, express mention of the true yearly value, or of the certainty of the premises, or of any of them, or of other gifts or concessions by us, or by any of our progenitors made to the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Chesterfield aforesaid, or any statute,

act, ordnance, proclamation, provision, or restriction, to the contrary heretofore had, made, published, ordained, or provided, or any other thing, cause or matter whatsoever in any wise notwithstanding. In testimony whereof, we have caused to be made these our letters patent. Witness ourself at Westminster, the twenty-fourth day of April, in the fortieth year of our reign.

XIX.—THE CHARTER OF CONFIRMATION BY KING CHARLES II. OF QUEEN ELIZABETH'S CHARTER, TO THE BOROUGH OF CHESTERFIELD, DATED THE 21ST DAY OF JULY, IN THE 14TH YEAR OF HIS REIGN.

(From the ORIGINAL, amongst the CHESTERFIELD ARCHIVES.)

CHARLES THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting; We have inspected the Charter of Lady Elizabeth, late Queen of England, &c., in the words following. (*Here follows Queen Elizabeth's Third Charter, dated the 21st day of April, in the Fortieth year of her reign.*)

And whereas our borough of Chesterfield is an ancient and populous borough, and for many ages already past hath been a corporation or body corporate and politic. And whereas the Burgesses and Inhabitants of our borough of Chesterfield aforesaid, to this time, by the name of Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses, of the borough of Chesterfield, and from the whole time aforesaid, have had, held, exercised, used and enjoyed, and now have, hold, use and enjoy, divers liberties, privileges, franchises, customs, powers, immunities, pre-eminences, lands, tenements, possessions and other hereditaments. And whereas, as well by power and virtue of divers charters,

letters patent, grants and confirmations, by divers our progenitors, Kings and Queens of this our kingdom of England, heretofore made, granted, ratified and confirmed, as by reason and pretext of divers laudable antient prescriptions in the same borough for the whole time aforesaid, used and approved of, they have been, and are endowed with the same. And whereas our beloved subjects, the present Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses, of the borough of Chesterfield aforesaid, have most humbly besought us, for the improvement and better government of that borough, that we would graciously exhibit and extend our royal favour and munificence to the same Mayor and Burgesses, as well in the ratification and confirmation of the body Corporate aforesaid, and of the antient liberties and privileges of the same borough, as in the concession of such other liberties and privileges as for the public good, and the better government of that borough and of our people, there shall seem to us most expedient.

Know ye, that we graciously affecting the improvement of the borough aforesaid, and the prosperous condition of our people there, and willing that the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of that borough may be armed and endowed with convenient powers and privileges, as well for the due correction and amendment of evils and inconveniences, as for the good regimen and government of the same borough, of our special grace and from our certain knowledge and mere motion, we have willed, ordained, granted and confirmed, and by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, do will, ordain, and grant, and confirm, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Chesterfield aforesaid, the incorporation and body corporate aforesaid, and all and singular, the liberties, privileges, free customs, fran-

chises, immunities, exemptions, acquittances, and jurisdictions of the borough aforesaid whatsoever ; and also, all and singular the same, and such lands, tenements, customs, liberties, privileges, franchises, immunities, acquittances, jurisdictions and hereditaments whatsoever, which the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Chesterfield aforesaid, or which the Burgesses or Inhabitants of that borough, and their predecessors whosoever, or any of them, by whatsoever names they were noted or called, or by whatsoever name, or by whatsoever incorporation, or by pretext of whatsoever incorporation they have heretofore been incorporated, have lawfully had, held, used, or enjoyed, or ought to have, hold, use, or enjoy, by reason or pretext of any charters or letters patent, by any of our progenitors, late Kings or Queens of England, or of any other person or persons whatsoever, howsoever, heretofore made, granted, ratified, or confirmed ; or by whatsoever other legal manner, right, or custom, use, prescription or title heretofore used or enjoyed, had, or practiced by these presents, not in the least annihilated, changed, or diminished : And that it be, and shall be lawful for the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and their successors, to have, hold, and exercise and enjoy all, and all manner of such liberties, privileges, free customs, franchises, immunities, exemptions, jurisdictions, and other premises above mentioned by these presents, in the form aforesaid, confirmed in so ample a manner and form, to all intents and purposes, as in times past they lawfully had, held, used, or enjoyed, or ought to have, hold, use, or enjoy.

And farther, We will, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, appoint, grant and confirm, that our beloved Richard Coope, Esquire, now Mayor of the

borough aforesaid, shall be and continue in the same office of Mayor of the same borough, from the date of these presents to the Sunday next before the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, next ensuing, and until another Burgess of the borough aforesaid shall be appointed and sworn in due form to that office, if the same Richard Coope shall so long live.

We also will, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, appoint, grant, and confirm, that our beloved Richard Marchant, John Woodward, Peter Dowker, Richard Youle, Thomas Dowker, and Robert Stringfellow, now Aldermen of the borough aforesaid, respectively shall be and continue to be in the offices of Aldermen of the same borough, from the date of these presents, so long as they shall behave themselves well in the same.

And also, we will, appoint, grant, and confirm by these presents, that our beloved George Ash, Francis Holdsworth, Samuel Inman, Abel Tilley, Samuel Bright, and Jonathan Slater, now Brothers of the borough aforesaid, shall respectively be and continue to be in those offices, from the date of these presents, so long as they shall behave themselves well in the same.

And also, we will, appoint, grant and confirm, by these presents, that our beloved John Ash, Humphrey Lowe, John Esland, Thomas Dutton, Robert Dowker, William Inman, Francis Brown, William Thorpe, Henry Boothe, John Allen, Ralph Naylor, and Anthony Beastall, now capital Burgesses of the borough aforesaid, shall respectively be and continue in those offices, so long as they shall behave themselves well in the same.

And farther, we will, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, grant and confirm to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough afore-

said, and their successors, that they and their successors for ever hereafter may have, and shall have within the borough aforesaid, one honest and discreet man, who shall be, and shall be called the Common Clerk of that borough, as heretofore they have had, and now have, who for ever hereafter shall aid, advise, and assist the Mayor of the same borough; and may and shall be our Clerk, and of our heirs and successors, to receive, make and inroll within the borough aforesaid, recognizances according to the form of the Statute of Acton Burnell, and according to the form of the Statute of Merchants, made in the Parliament of Lord Edward the first, our progenitor, in the thirteenth year of his reign; And for the better execution of our will and grant in this part, we have assigned, nominated, appointed and confirmed, and by these presents, for us, our heirs and successors, do assign, nominate, appoint and confirm our beloved William Champernoone, Gentleman, that he shall be, and is the modern Common Clerk of the borough aforesaid, and the Clerk of us, our heirs and successors, to receive, make, and inroll due recognizances, according to the form of the Statute aforesaid, for us, our heirs and successors, to be continued in that office, so long as he shall behave himself well in the same.

And farther, we will, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, grant and confirm to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses, of the borough aforesaid, and their successors, that from time to time after the death or removal of the aforesaid William Champernoone, from the office aforesaid, it may and shall be lawful for the Mayor, Aldermen, Brothers and capital Burgesses of the borough aforesaid, for the time being, or for the greater part of them, of which greater part we will, that the Mayor of the borough aforesaid for the time being,

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be one, to chuse and appoint one other honest, sufficient and discreet man, to be the Common Clerk of the borough aforesaid, to be continued in that office so long as he shall behave himself well in the same ; and this as often as that case shall so happen : which Common Clerk, so from time to time elected or to be elected, in and by all things in the borough aforesaid, shall supply and execute, according to the tenor of these our letters patent, the business of their and our Clerk, to receive, make and inroll due recognizances, according to the form of the Statute aforesaid.

And farther, we will and ordain, that any person so elected and nominated, or to be elected and nominated to the office of Common Clerk of the borough aforesaid, and of our Clerk to receive, make and inroll, within the borough aforesaid, the due recognizances aforesaid of that borough, before he be admitted to execute that office and offices, shall make his corporal oath upon the Holy Gospels of God, before the Mayor of that borough for the time being, in the presence of such Aldermen, Brothers and capital Burgesses of the same borough, as shall chuse to be present, to do and perform in and by all things rightly, well, and faithfully, all and singular, the things appertaining to the office and offices of the Common Clerk of the borough aforesaid, and of our Clerk to receive, make and inroll the recognizances aforesaid. To which Mayor of the borough aforesaid, for the time being, we give and grant, by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, full power and authority from time to time to administer the same oath : And whereas, the same Lady Queen Elizabeth, by her aforesaid charter, for herself and her successors, hath granted to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and their successors, that the Mayor, Aldermen, Brothers and

capital Burgesses of the Borough aforesaid, for the time being, or the greater part of the same, of whom she willed that the aforesaid Mayor be one, from time to time for ever thereafter, should have power and authority to chuse and nominate every year, on the Sunday next after the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, one out of the number of the aforesaid six Aldermen, who should be Mayor of the borough aforesaid, for one whole year then next ensuing, and that he, after he was so as aforesaid elected and nominated Mayor of the borough aforesaid, before he was admitted to execute that office, should make his corporal oath, on the Monday next following the nomination and election aforesaid, before the last Mayor, his predecessor, if he should be living; or otherwise before the aforesaid Aldermen of the borough aforesaid for the time being, or the greater part of the same, in the Court or Council House, in the charter aforesaid before mentioned, well and faithfully to execute these offices.

Now, we will, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, grant to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and their successors, that the Mayor, Aldermen, Brothers and capital Burgesses of the borough aforesaid, for the time being, or the greater part of the same, of whom we will that the aforesaid Mayor be one, from time to time for ever hereafter, may and shall have power and authority every year, on the Sunday next before the feast of Saint Michael the Archangel, to chuse and nominate one out of the number of the aforesaid six Aldermen, who shall be Mayor of the borough aforesaid for one whole year, then next ensuing; and that he, after he hath been so as aforesaid, elected and nominated Mayor of the borough aforesaid, before he be admitted to execute that office, shall make his corporal

oath, on Monday next following the nomination and election aforesaid, before the last Mayor, his predecessor, if he be living; or otherwise before the aforesaid Aldermen of the borough aforesaid, for the time being, or the greater part of the same, in the aforesaid Court or Council House, well and faithfully to execute those offices; and that after such oath so made, he be empowered to execute the office of Mayor of the borough aforesaid, for one whole year then next ensuing. And if it shall happen that any Mayor of the borough aforesaid, at any time within one year, after he hath been elected, appointed, and sworn to the office of Mayor of the same borough, shall die, or be removed from his office, that then, and so often it may be lawful for the aforesaid Aldermen, Brothers and capital Burgesses of the borough aforesaid, for the time being, or the greater part of the same, to elect and appoint another out of the number of the aforesaid Aldermen, to be Mayor of the borough aforesaid, and that he so newly elected and appointed, may have and exercise that office during the remainder of the same year, his corporal oath being first to be made in the form aforesaid, and this as often as that case shall so happen.

And farther, we will, and by these presents for us, our heirs and successors, grant to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough aforesaid, and their successors, that he, who from time to time shall be Mayor of the borough aforesaid, during the time in which he shall happen to be in that office, and also the last predecessor of any Mayor from time to time, for the time being, for and during one whole year next ensuing, after he hath executed the office of Mayor of the borough aforesaid, for ever hereafter, be and shall be, and each of them be and shall be, our Justices, and of our heirs and successors, to keep the peace in the same borough, and

the liberties and precincts of the same, and there to do and execute all and singular the things which to the office of a justice of the Peace, by the laws and statutes of this our kingdom of England appertain; so that the Mayor of the borough aforesaid, and also the last predecessor of any Mayor of the borough aforesaid, for the time being, shall make, and each of them shall make their corporal oath, rightly, well and faithfully to execute the office of Justice of the Peace, and the oaths in that respect required to be made by Justices of the Peace, by the laws and statutes of this our kingdom of England. So also that our Justices of the Peace in the County may not be excluded from exercising the office of Justice of the Peace within Chesterfield aforesaid, but that any of them may freely and peaceably enter into Chesterfield aforesaid, and there exercise the office of Justice of the Peace, in as ample a manner as in other places of the county of Derby.

We give also, and grant by these presents to the Mayor and Aldermen of the borough aforesaid, now, and for the time being, or to any one or more of them, full authority and power, to give and administer the oaths aforesaid, without any other warrant or commission from us, our heirs or successors, by any means hereafter to be obtained or sought; provided always, and it is our will, that the Justices aforesaid, or any one of them, may not by any means proceed to the determination of any felony without our special mandate, or of our heirs or successors: provided also, and it is our will, that no Common Clerk of the borough aforesaid hereafter to be chosen or appointed, be admitted to such office, before he be approved of by us, our heirs or successors: any thing in these presents contained, or any other thing, cause, or matter whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding, there

having not been made in these presents express mention of the true annual value, or of the certainty of the premises, or any of them, or of other gifts or concessions, by us, or by any of our progenitors, to the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the borough of Chesterfield aforesaid heretofore made, or any statutes, Act, ordinance, proclamation, provision, or restriction to the contrary, heretofore had, made, published, ordained, or provided, or any other thing, cause, or matter whatsoever in any wise notwithstanding.

In testimony whereof, we have caused to be made, these our letters patent, witness ourself at Westminster, the twenty-first day of July, in the thirty-second year of our reign.

By Brief of the Privy Seal.—Pigott.

For Fine in the Hanaper, for granting and confirming the liberties aforesaid, £6. 13s. 3d.

H. FINCH, Chancellor.

**XX.—A COMPOSITION MADE BY THE BURGESSES OF
CHESTERFIELD RESPECTING THEIR CUSTOMS, DATED
THE 3RD DAY OF MARCH, 19 EDWARD IV.**

THE composicion made atte Chestrefield, the 3rd day of March, the 19th yere of the reigne of Edward IV., be the avyse of Robert Gryssopp, then beyng Alderman of the Burgh of Chestrefeld, with all the hole commynylty of Burgess in the foresaid Burgh, inhabitante, for the benevolence gud rewle, guydyng, and govnançe in the said Burgh to be hade, and also in supporting, keping, and assistyng of the liberties, franchies, fredom, and freecustom granted to the foresaid burgess of the foresaid Burgh, be oure said soivrigne Lord and his pre-

decessurs forivmore, First the foresaid Alderman with all the hole commynyalty of the con-burgess in the foresaid Burgh inhabitante are fully condestended, appoynted, and agreede for grett inconvenyences and mys guydyng have moved and done aforetyme in the said Burgh be ctein mony and yvell dysposed persons to elect and chose yerely in the said burgh an Alderman in the fest of Saynt Mighaell tharchanngell, and also xii of the moste honest persons and inhabitanncce Burgess of the foresaid Burgh, to be of counsell with the said Alderman for the tyme beying, in aydyng and supportyng of the liberties, franchies, fredom, and frecustom of the foresaid burgh, and also for the benevolence gud rewle, guydyng, and govnannces in the said Burgh to be hade uppon the premiss aforesaid, the foresaid hole commynyalte of Burgess in the said Burgh inhabitante be one hole and comen assentt have elect and chosen John Owerde (? Ewerde), John Tomson, William Attkynson, John Tapyll, Thomas Herby, John Heithcawte, John Ochentowe, Richard Turner, Ric Asch, Thomas Hewgate, James Fox, and Raulf Cary, Burgess of the said burgh, to guyde, rewle, and counsel with the foresaid Alderman for the tyme beying of the premiss, they taking uppon theym the grett labur and chargess in the premiss, are sworne uppon the Holy Evangelists, in the presence of the most parte of the Burgess of the said burgh, to be attendaunte, expectaunte, and at all tymes redy to comen for labo and putt theym in devoⁿ in all man poynts concernyng the weyle of the forsaid Burgh and burgess, Als ofte as nede is upon resonable warnyng be the chambrleyne withoute any deley except a resonable cause hade, and if it happen yt any of ye said xii be obstinate and wyll not com at all such tyme or tymes as is nedeful to comen for the weyll of the said burgh and burgess, and no resonable cause

have uppon warning to a certeyne plase assigned be the said Alderman for the tyme beyng, then it is ordiyned als weld be the assent of the foresaid Alderman and xii as be the hole commynyalty of the foresaid Burgess in the said burgh inhabitante, yt enyth of theym that so cum not schall forfayt and pey to the use of ye comyn box xiid. Item, it is ordiyned that the foresaid xii nor none of them shall not utter then dyscover their counsel to no man, gentlemon, frende, nor other person or persons, but yf he be a Burgess bot ther as it or schuld be for the weyle and pfett of the foresaid Burgh and Burgess be all their assent. And also if they then none of them shall take no part with no gentlemon, gentlemon's men, kynnesmon, frende, servant, nor other person contry to the peasse and rewle, and govnanncce of the said Burgh and Burgess in payn of forfayte iiis. iiid., to the be hold and use of the comen box. Item, it is ordigned yt yf happen any of the said xii to disses or fall in debilyte of sekeness, age or povtie. Yt yen aney schall be chosen be the avyse and counsell of the Alderman for the tyme being and the ren-sion of the said xii, and if it happen any of the said xii wyll not kepe pfforme and fulfyll all and synguler poynts afore rehersed, and also pey not the peyns afore sest yf yei forfayt theym or any of theym, and thereupon be detect or commyt be his peres, then it is ordiyned and statute be all the hole comen assent aforesaid that he yt is so detect or commyt, schall forfayt and pey to the Kyrke of Chesterfeld, and also to be depved of the liberties and franchises for evmore to ye tyme that he make newe fyne with the said Alderman and xii for the tyme being att their wyll. Item, all the hole commynyalty of all other Burgess in the said burgh inhabitante, byndyng theymself and their heirs for evmore be yise psents to ayd, assist, and support the aforesaid Alderman and xii for



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Pls. 1.—The Old Corporation Seal attached to the composition of Queen Elizabeth, of the 6th day of Oct., 8 Elizabeth, printed at page 105. A rough draft of this seal, with the legend, "SIGELVM COMUNE BVRG CESTREFELD," is given in Harl. MSS., 1486, fol. 22, taken from the Herald's Visitation of Derbyshire, of the 27th August, 1611.

Pls. 2.—A fragment of the Old Corporation Seal, found amongst the Corporation Muniments.

Pls. 3.—The present Corporation Seal.

Pls. 4.—An old, Silver Seal in the possession of the Town Clerk, which was in use up to the year 1818.

the tyme being alswell in all things afore rehersed, and all other concerning the weyll, guydyng, gud rewle, and govnanncce of the said burgh, so yt it be not to no mans dysheritance of hys lyvelod, and yuppon are swornes sevely any man be hymself upon ye Holy Evangelists to kepe and fulfyl on their partie all and singular poynts afore rehersed, and also to hold ferme and stable whatever the foresaid Alderman and xii for the tyme being done or sayn or done according to the premiss for the weyll peess and gud govnanncce of the said Burgh and burgess, and yt they nor none of them schall take no quarell nor parte in no manr of cause wt no gentlemon, hys man, kynnesman, frende, nor svent, contry to the weyll, peess, and rewle, and govnanncce in manr and form aforesaid, in peyn of forfayte as is afore rehersed of the xii. And all thies and singular poynts afoesaid wele and trewly to be kaped, pformed, and fulfylled for evermore, alswell the foresaid Alderman and the xii as all the hole comonyalty of Burgess in the said Burgh inhabitante, to this composicion indented have set their comen seall togeyder with the severall seales of the forsaid Alderman and the xii afore-named yeven, the day, yere, and plase abufwrytten and pydyed alewey, yt no manr person yt hold any house of any Burgess of Chesterfield schall forfayt no peyn, nor take no hurte, nor prudice for no thing yt he dose concerning the weyll and gud guydyng of his Londlorde, so yt ye said Burgess take no synguler opynyens yt schall be contry to the franchyses and fredom of the said Burgh.

**XXI.—COMPOSITION MADE BY THE BURGESSES OF THE
BOROUGH OF CHESTERFIELD RESPECTING THEIR
CUSTOMS, DATED THE VI. OCT., VIII. ELIZABETH.**

The composition, order, and agreement of the Alderman, xii bretheren and comon counsell, together with

the burgesses of the borough of Chesterfield, in the County of Derby, made the vi. day of October, in the viii. year of the reign of our Sovereign Ladye Elizabeth, by the grace of God, of England, France, and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c., of and for certain artycles very needful to be had and put in writing for the better remembrance of the same, to be and continue for ever. And for as much as the Burgesses of the aforesaid borough are not only compelled to pay Tolles in other Towns and places of liberties where of right they ought to be free, but also now of late have been dysturbed of their auncient comons of pasture which they had been accustomed to have and enjoy tyme without memory, and most chiefflye they are anoyed and suffer great wrong by the Farrenners or such inhabitants within the said Borough of Chesterfield not being Burgesses there, which deny to be contributory or to bere or to be cessed to be contributory with the Burgesses, to such charges as the borough and Burgesses are charged with all. In consideration whereof, and that a comon quyetness may increase and grow to the help and sustentation of this Borough and Burgesses. The said Alderman, xii Bretheren, Common Council, and Burgesses of the said Town of Chesterfield, by their comon consent and full agreement for themselves, their heirs and successors, and the heirs of every of them for ever, have constituted, ordeyned and are agreed upon, and have made these orders, articles and compositions to be and remain fyrme and stable for ever, to be observed and kept in manner and form following, that is to say, First, where there hath been used of long time within the said Borough to have one of their said Burgesses to be chief and chosen yearly, and commonly called Alderman, it is now ordeyned and agreed that the same custom shall be

continued, and at the end of the year of every such Alderman the said Alderman shall be presented at the accustomed place, and upon the accustomed day, that is to say, upon the Sonday next after the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, and there reseigne upp his office, and with the assent and common consent of the most parte of the Burgesses there assembled elect and cheeose a new Alderman, and every such Alderman so elect and chosen shall take his oath in manner and form as hath been accustomed, that he shall be trewe to our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, her heirs and successors, Kings and Queens of this Realm, and to the Lord of the Borough, and his heirs beying Lords of this Borough, and also not only shall maintain the liberties of the said Lord and of his heirs within the said Borough, but also all good orders, liberties, and free customs of the said Borough and Burgesses, according to the customs of the said Borough and of the laws and statutes of this Realm of England. Item, if any Burgess hereafter being elect and appointed, either to be Alderman or any of the xii bretheren, or to be any of the xii commonly called the Comon Council and assistanns of the said Alderman and his xii bretheren, and do reffuse and will not take upon him or them to be Alderman, Brother, or Comon Counselor, after the order of the old customs of the said borough and of this composition, or else do absent himself from the accustomed place as is aforesaid, he and every one hereafter so reffusing or abstaining himself shall forfeit and pay to the use of the Burgesses of the said Town of Chesterfield, to be and remain in the common box of the said burgesses, for every time £xx . Item, it is agreed that every of the xii bretheren and every of the common council now for the time being, and every other new brother or common counsaillour that here-

after shal be, shal be sworne at his or their election to pform and keep with their Aldermen for the time being not only all the liberties of the Lord of the said Borough, but also all good orders, customs, and liberties of the said Town and Borough, according to their knowledge and ability, or else to forfeit £5 for every default. Item, all other Burgesses that now be and every other burgess that hereafter shall be appointed, shal be sworn at his or their election to ayde and assist the Alderman and bretheren for the time being in al their lawful doying, or else to forfeit for every time xs. Item, it is further ordered that the xii bretheren and common council and every of them now for the time being, and their successors for ever shall, from time to time, at all times hereafter, upon reasonable warning and monytion given by the Chamberlayns of the said Town, or one of them, attend upon the Alderman at his summons or commandment to consult for the common weale and good order of the said borough and burgesses, upon payne of every of them that shall be found defectyve herein without lawful and reasonable cause or excuse to forfeit for every default iis. Item, all other Burgesses shall come lykewise at the commandment of the Alderman having warning by the Chamberlaynes or Chamberlayne as is aforesaid, or else to forfeit for every tyme xiid. Item, it is ordeyned that neither the forsayd Alderman, xii bretheren, comon counsel, and other burgesses of the said borough, nor any of them, their heirs or successors, shall utter or discover their secrets and counsel to any manner of person or persons, friend or other, but their as it should be for the weale and profit of the aforesaid borough and burgesses, and by all their assents in payne of forfeiture every tyme so proved xs. Item, it is agreed yt neyther the Alderman, bretheren, comon

counsell aforesaid, nor no other burgesses, nor theirs nor successors of them, nor any of them, shall at any time hereafter do pcure, consent, or agree, or cause to be done, proved, consented, or agreed unto any act or actes, things or thing whatsoever to or with any person or persons whereby eyther the liberties of the Lord of the said Borough or the customs, liberties, orders, and rules of the said borough and burgesses shall be broken, impaired, altered, or hyndered, otherwise to forfeit for every tyme £10. Item, it is agreed that neyther the foresaid Alderman, xii. bretheren, common counsell, nor any other burgess or burgesses, their heirs or successors, shall take part with any farren pson or psons not beyng burgesses contrary to the libertyes, peace, and good ordre of the said borough and burgesses, or against any article or poynt in this composition agreed uppon, in payne of forfeiture for every tyme 40s. Item, it is agreed that no burgesses within this Borough shall implead or sue any other burgess out of the same borough whiles he may have righte and lawe within the same borough, otherways to forfeit for every tyme offending 40s., the moiety thereof to the Lord of the said libertye and his heirs. Item, it is agreed that every Alderman for the tyme being hereafter shall make his account within one month next after Michaelmas before the most part of the burgesses as they have accustomed to do, or else to forfeit to the comon box of the burgesses £5. Item, it is agreed evrey other officer being put in trust for the borough and burgesses shall make their account at the same tyme, or else forfeit as aforesaid for each time xls. Item, it is agreed that the Alderman for the time being, with the consent of his xii. brethren and comon counsell, shall and may at all times hereafter make and devise all such good and laudable order as shall be thought needful for the weale

and good government of the said borough and burgesses, so that the said orders be not against the laws and statutes of the realm nor prejudicial to the Lord of the Borough as touching his rights, services, and inheritances, and also that the said Alderman for the time being shall at all times hereafter keep a register book, wherein shall not only be registered the names of the Burgesses and all accomptes, but also all other decent orders now used or hereafter may be devysed, otherways to forfeit for every default xxs. Item, it is agreed that the Alderman and his successors shall make or cause to be made search **IIII** times in every year for forreyn persons that come into this borough to enhabyte, and that they shall suffer no mysdemeanered psons to dwell nor tarye within the borough in payne of xls. Item, it is agreed at such time and times as the Burgesses shall have any occasion or need to make or defend any sute or sutes for any matter or cause touching the Borough and Burgesses, and the liberties and customs of the same being agreed of by the said Alderman, bretheren, and common counselle for the time being or the most part of the same, that these as well the Burgesses of the said Borough, as also the Alderman, xii. brethren, and comen counsele thereof, shall chewse and appoint by the most voices one or as many psons, being either Alderman, one of the xii. bretheren, comen counsell, or Burgesses of the same Borough as shal be thought needfull for the same, to psecute, sue, impleade, maintayne, or deffend for the burgesses aforesaid, and under the name of their corporation of for and concerning all manner of matters arising or growing betwixt the said Burgesses and any other person or persons touching the possessions, estate right, title liberties, customs, or other hereditaments belonging to the said borough. And yt all and every

person and persons so elected and chosen shall take upon him or them the same, and justlye labour, prosecute, and follow the same tyll soche tyme or tymes as the said matter or sutes be fully ended and determined by the lawe, excepting a reasonable cause had or ells to be released by the assente of the whole burgesses. And if any burgess or burgesses so chosen and appointed do refuse and will not take upon him or them such traveyll in the premises as shall be to him or them appointed as is aforesaid, having authoritye by the said burgesses and money to bear his charges, then he or they evry tyme so refusing shall forfeit and paye £5. Item, it is further agreed that the payment of all such sutes or any other useful things hereafter to the said Borough and Burgesses shall be levied upon the common Boxe as far as it will extend, and the rest to be levied by cessments from tyme to tyme as oft as need shall require, to the which cessment the whole company of burgesses of the foresaid borough do bind themselves and their successors for ever to be cessed by viii. persons, that is to say, by the Alderman and iii. of his bretheren to be chosen by the Alderman for the time being and the comen burgesses and iiii other burgesses to be chosen by the Alderman and bretheren, otherways to forfeit for evry default £iv. Item, it is further agreed that if any burgess sustain any grevous loss through any matter of the Borough or for the liberties of the same otherwise than by his own default or negligence, that then the said burgesses do bynd themselves and their successors by these presents to recompense him or them according to the quantity of his or their loss or hinderence, to be taxed by viii. persons as aforesaid upon payne of every such Burgess that shall refuse to be contributory and pay the same tax to forfeit for every time xxs. Item, it

is farther agreed that as well all payments, forfeitures, cessments, or contributories in these presents lymited and appointed, as also all other dewtyes which the said Burgesses have been accustomed to have or ought to have, the chamberlaines of the said borough for the time being or one of them shall gather, collecte, and receave, and for lacke of payment thereof shall dystreyn the goods and chattels of all soche person or persons as withhold or will not pay any of the said payments, paynes, forfeitaxes, cessments, or any other dewtye belonging to the said Borough, and the distress so taken shall impound or with him or them detayne by ye space of xv. days, and if no payment be made within the said tyme that then it shall be lawful for the said chamberlains or one of them to sell the said distresse, so that a lawful praysing be made thereof by 1111 of the said burgesses to be appointed by the said Alderman and 12 bretheren or the more part thereof. Item, it is further agreed that as well the burgesses at this present as also all other burgesses hereafter to be elected and chosen shall at his or their election be sworn truly to observe and keep all and every the compositions, agreements and articles, concord and covenants, and payments and assessments herein conteyned for so moche as shall apptayne to him or them, and that also the said forfeitures, assessments, and dewtyes shall hereafter be employed and bestowed for the commoditye and common profitt of the said Borough from tyme to tyme by the dyscretion of the Alderman and xii. bretheren of the said Borough for the time being, in witness whereof and for the more suerty yt the same orders, articles and agreements, and composytions may be and remain of force and effect for ever the said burgesses for themselves, their heirs and successors, to this present composition have not only set their several hands

and seals but also the common seale of the said Borough.
Dated the day and year above written.

**XXII.—THE FOURTH CHARTER OF QUEEN ELIZABETH
TO THE BURGESSES BY LETTERS PATENT, DATED THE
16TH DAY OF DECEMBER, IN THE 9TH YEAR OF HER
REIGN. (*In the Town Clerk's custody.*)**

This Charter is not addressed to any one especially but "to all to whom those letters shall come"—it simply recites that the Queen had inspected a certain Indenture bearing date the 3 Calend of June, in the 22nd year of King Edward, son of King Henry, made by a certain John Wake, being the Charter previously printed at page 33 and therein fully set out, and also the composition indented of the 3rd March, 19 Edward IV., and that of the 6 October, in the 8th year of her reign (the last two charters), and the operative part of the Deed is comprised in one line, "Et hoc omnibus quorum intest innotescimus per presentes," not one word of approbation, commendation, approval, or confirmation, as if the Queen, although she permitted them to be enrolled and would even certify to the world that she had inspected them, declined in any way to express her approval, but, like Captain Cuttle, "having found she made a note of them."

The date is significant, it is three days after that upon which she confirmed her brother's Charter.

**XXIII.—COMPOSITION MADE BY THE BURGESSES OF
CHESTERFIELD WITH THE EARL OF SHREWSBURY
RESPECTING THEIR CUSTOMS, DATED THE 4TH
JANUARY, 10 ELIZABETH.**

Memorandum, that whereas certain matters in controversy and question between the Right Honble. George

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Erle of Shrewsbury on th one partie and the Burgesses and Inhabitants of his Lordship's Towne of Chesterfield in th other partie were referred to th order and judgement of suche two or more worshipful of the country, and such other two learned men as by the said Erle should be called thereto and appointed. It is therefore ordered and agreed upon, the fourth daie of January, in the 10th yeare of the reign of our sovereign Ladie Elizabeth, by the Grace of God, Queen of England, France, and Ireland, defender of the faith, by Sir Thomas Gargrave, knight, Nicolas Powtrell, seargeant-at-the-law, Henry Saivyle, Frances Rode, Richard Wendysley, Rauf Leek, esquires, Henry Nedeham and Richard Cook, gentlemen, appointed by the said Erle for the ordering of the said matters as folowth :—

1. Imprimus, where it is evident and without question that the said Burgesses have not any authoritie or warrant from the Prynce to have, electe, or chuse any Aldermen or Chamberlens within the said Town of Chesterfield. It is therefore ordered that from henceforth they shall not take upon them to have, elect, or chuse any such officer or officers, and that the Bailiff shall rule there as Bailiff for the Lorde.

2. Item touching the number of burgesses. It is ordered that there shall not be at any tyme within the said Town above the nombre of twenty Burgesses over and besides suche burgesses as are and shall be presented, admitted, and sworne burgesses by reason of their burgage. And those twenty burgesses to be admitted from tyme to tyme by the said Erle and his heirs. And further, that all manner of burgesses hereafter to be admitted shall, before his or their admittance, be sworn in the Lord's court amongst other lawful things truly to maintain to their best powers all the Lordes liberties,

without deteigning or withdrawing from the said Erle or his heirs any their lawful suyte, service, customs, dueties, or profetts within the liberties of the said Town, and without procuring or consenting to any other person or persons to the same, and none to be made burgesses hereafter that shall be a Retayner or shall weare any other liverie then the Lord's.

3. Item, that from henceforth no manner of person or persons shall demande, levie, or exact of any the Inhabitants of the said Town, or of others coming or resorting to any the faires or markets of the said Erle within the said Town any manner some or somes of money by the name of cutting money or by any other name whatsoever to the use of the said Town, but that all manner of persons shall have free liberty according to the laws to occupy, bye and sell, at all times, there paying onelie unto the said Erle his heirs and assigns their toll duties and rights of ancient tyme used and by the laws of this realme to them due and payable, And shall have places in the market at the appointment of the Lord's officers.

4. Item, that all such as have been admitted Burgesses since such tyme as the said Erle did send commandment to the contrary shall be discharged of their burgessshipp and shall not occupy but as forreynors until such tyme as they shall be by the said Erle allowed.

5. Item, that all such Burgesses as upon good consideration shall be found unable men and not meete for that purpose shall be discharged and shall occupye as forreynors, which consideration is to be referred onlie to the said Erle and to his heirs such as clayme to be burgesses by an inheritance only excepted.

6. Item, that all suche as shall be hereafter made Burgesses and so admitted, and not having the inheritance of a burgess, shall paye to the Lord his heirs and

assigns for the fine of his or their freedom the sum of ten shillings, whereof one third pte of the said fyne, that is to saie, three shilling and furepence shall be received in a box for the repair of Bridge and pavement in the said Town and such like uses, and having thereto thadvise and assent of the Lord or of his officer for the appointment of the bestowing of the same. And thother part thereof, that is to say vis. viiid., to be answered to the Lord.

7. Item, that whereas the Burgesses do claim that they ought not to be amerced for any one cause or fault above the sum of threepence (fower causes only excepted). It is now considered and thought lawful that if any Burgesses shall be presented and so found to have offended and broken any statute, lawe, or causes inquerable in the Lord's Leet, or to have broken any paynes or ordinance heretofore lawfully sett at the Leete, then or hereafter to be sett, that then all or every such person and persons, as well burgesses as others, ought to be amerced according to the statute and paynes aforesaid, the said former clayme notwithstanding.

8. Item, that as well the verdict of the Enquest of Burgesses as also the verdict of th enquest of the Forreynors or Dosynares there be generally taken at everie Leete by the steward there, and if any person or persons shall chaunce to be amercyed by both Juries for one offence that then the better of them to be taken for the Lord and thother to be put forth and so void.

9. Item, that the sum of six pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence paid yearly by the said Erle to the hands of certain the said inhabitants towards the repair and maintenance of the Bridge and pavement there, be employed and bestowed accordingly as long as the bridge and pavement shall stand nedeful thereof, and after upon

such necessary uses as shall be expedient for the benefyte of the said Town.

In witness whereof the above said Sir Thomas Gargrave, Kt., Nich Powtrel, Sergeant-at-the-Lawe, Henry Savile, France Rodes, Richard Wendisly, and Rauf Leek, Esquires, Henry Nedeham and Richard Cook, gentlemen, hereunto have put their several seals the day and year first above written.

N.B.—It is curious to note the proximity of the date of this extraordinary document with that of the 2nd Charter of Queen Elizabeth, by which she recognized that the Borough of Chesterfield was of the ancient demesne of the Crown of England. The Earl of Shrewsbury arrogantly called this Free Town his property, and actually questions and indeed denies the existence of the liberties and customs which the Queen herself had granted only a few days previously. It would seem that the spirit of the Freemen had been crushed by the weight of the Reformation. No wonder when nobles trampled so ruthlessly upon the people's rights that the Great Reformation of the State, called the Great Revolution, so quickly followed that affecting the Church and Religion—the one was the progenitor of the other.

XXIIIA.—4. Nov. 25, Henry 6th, General Pardon under the great seal to the Brethern of the Guild of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Cross in the Church of All Saints, Chesterfield, for lands purchased in mortmain.

XXIV.—LEASE OF THE MANOR OF CHESTERFIELD, WITH THE UNDERWOODS, FROM JOAN, COUNTESS OF KENT AND LADY OF WAKE, TO THOMAS DE ANNERSLEY AND OTHERS, DATED AT BRUNE, IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN, AT THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY, 5, HENRY IV.

Ceste endenture fait p'entre Dame Johanne, Countess de Kent et Dame de Wake d'une part et Thomas de Anneslee, William Calale, Rogier Herdewyk, Johan Calale, and Roger Wormehill d'autre pt. Tesmoine q la dite Dame ad gunte et a ferme lesse a les ditz Thomas William Rogier Johan et Rogier son Manoir de Chestre-fild ove les appurtenances en le countee de Derby salvant le avoweson et le patronage al dite Dame Johanne d'une frank chapell appelle le Spytell de seint Leonarde a avoir et tenir le dit Manoir ove les appurtenances (forsps le avoweson et le patronage del dit spytell al dite dame Johanne) as ditz Thomas, William, Rogier, Johan et Rogier a eux et a lores executores pr term de vint ans le terme comensant al fest de seint michel postheme (prox-eme) veignant apres la date dycestes paiant al dite dame Johanne annuellement ou a son certain attorne a son manoir de Brune en le countee de Nicholl quartre vints et cynk marcs as deux termes del an cestassavoir al fest de pask et seint Michel p oweles porcions et sil aveigne q le dit rent soit aderierement pevez en ptie ou en tout p un moys aprs astunes des termes avantditz q adonges (donc) les ditz Thomas, William, Rogier, Johan et Rogier, sey obligent lors heirs et lors executors en quatre vintz et cynk marcs et chestun de eux en lientier a paier al dite dame Johanne et a sez executors a quele heure q le dit rent soit aderiere p un moys aprs astunes des trmes suisditz et issint de tme en tme durant les vint ans suisditz et la

dite dame Johanne grante a les ditz Thomas, William, Rogier, Johan, et Rogier, toutz les subboys deviz le dit fire de Chestrefeld a avoir et tenir a eux et a lors executors durant le trme avantdit tous les keignes et freisnes deviz le dit ferme et boys tant seulement exceptes Et feissant suffisant closure del dit boys en salvacion del sprynge del dit boys Et les ditz Thomas, William, Rogier, Johan, et Rogier, voillent et grantont p ycestes qils ne ferront null demise ne lese n grante de lor estat del dit manoir ne de nul parcelle de ycell a nully durant le terme avantdit. Et les ditz Thomas, William, Rogier, Johan et Rogier grauntont p eux et p lors heirs et lors executors a paier et supporter toutz maners des charges et paiements issants del dit manoir durant le terme suisdit et nomement noef marcs dues al franc chapell Seint Leonarde illeoqs d auxint tous maners taxes et subsides grantez et a grantiers en parlement q charront en charge del dit Manoir. Et le dit manoir ove les appurtenances les measons molyns et autres demenes del dit manoir sustendront repaleront et maintendront durant le terme suisdit et al fine del term lesseront en bon estat a lors propres costages. Et sil aveigne q le dit rent soit adriere en ptie ou en tout as astunes des termes suisdit p un dimy an apres le dit moys (ou sil aveigne qils facent dimise del dit manoir ou dastune pcell dycelle ou sil aveigne qils ne paient les pevemens dues al chapell de Seint Leonarde et tous autres charges duez del dit manoir et sil aveigne qils facent waste ou destruccion de les measons molyns boys ou autre demenes de dit manoir q adonqs bien lise al dite dame Johanne Countesse de Kent en le dit manoir dentrer et le dit manoir tenir come en son prmer estat et sil aveigne q astun persone qi tient del dit manoir p fee de chivaler deme durant le terme avantdit et son heir devis age ou si

ascun tenant del dit Manoir forsfate ou soit atteint de felonie ou moerge (mort) sauns heir a causs de quell la tre soit forsfetable adonqs (donc) les ditz Thomas, William, Rogier, Johan, et Rogier, grauntont p ycestes q la dite dame avera la moite des pfitz silvien (salvant) des gardes et mariages come des tres et tenements issint forsfaits et de releves si astuns deveignent durant le dit terme. En tesmoignance de quell chose a cestes endentures psents les pties avantditz entrechaungeablement ovnt mys lors seals Don a Brune en le fest de la Nativetate nre Dame L'an du regne nre le Roy Henry quart puis le conquest quint.

Endorsed, Manor de Chesterfield, 26.

(Translation.)

This Indenture made between Dame Joan, Countess of Kent and Lady of Wake, of the one part, and Thomas de Annesley, William Calow, Roger Hardwick, John Calow, and Roger (Foljambe) de Wormhill, of the other part: Witnesseth that the said Dame grants and to farm lets to the said Thomas, William, Roger, John, and Roger her Manor of Chesterfield, with the appurtenances in the county of Derby, saving the advowson and the patronage to the said Dame Joan of a free chapel called the Spital of St. Leonard, to have and to hold the said Manor with the appurtenances (saving the advowson and the patronage of the said Spital to the said Dame Joan) to the said Thomas, William, Roger, John, and Roger, to them and to their executors for the term of twenty years, the term commencing at the feast of Saint Michael next coming after the date of these (presents) paying to the said Dame Joan annually, or to her certain attorney, at her Manor of Brune, in the county of Lincoln, 85 marks at two terms in the year, that is to say, at the feast of

Easter and St. Michael by equal portions, and if it happens that the said rent be in arrear either in part or in the whole for one month after any of the terms aforesaid, that then the said Thomas, William, Roger, John, and Roger, their heirs and executors, shall be compelled to pay the 85 marks, and each of them to pay the whole to the said Dame Joan and her executors at such hour as the said rent shall be in arrear for a month after any of the terms aforesaid, and also from time to time during the twenty years aforesaid. And the said Dame Joan grants to the said Thomas, William, Roger, John, and Roger all the underwoods in the said Farm of Chesterfield, to have and to hold to them and to their executors during the term aforesaid all the keignes and Freisnes (qy., Ash canes, Fraxinetum, a Domesday word for an Ashwood) on the said Farm and woods only excepted, making sufficient enclosure of the said woods for the saving of the growth (sprynge) of the said woods. And the said Thomas, William, Roger, John, and Roger will and grant by these presents that they will not demise nor lease nor grant anything out of their estate in the said manor nor of any parcel thereof to any one during the term aforesaid, and the said Thomas, William, Roger, John, and Roger grant for themselves and for their heirs and their executors to pay and satisfy all manner of charges and payments issuing out of the said manor during the above term, namely, nine marks due to the free chapel of Saint Leonard, and that they will also pay all manner of taxes and subsidies granted and to be granted by parliament and made a charge upon the said manor. And the said Manor, with the appurtenances, the houses, the mills, and other demesnes of the said manor, they will sustain, repair, and maintain during the term aforesaid, and at the end of the term will leave [the

same] in good state at their own expense, and if it shall happen that the said rent shall be in arrear in part or in the whole at either of the terms aforesaid for one half-year after the said month (or if it should happen that they make lease of the said manor or of any part of it, or if they make not the due payments to the chapel of Saint Leonard and all other charges of the said manor, and if it happens that they make waste or destruction of the houses, mills, woods, or other demesnes of the said manor, that then it shall be lawful for the said Dame Joan, Countess of Kent, in the said manor, to enter and the said manor to hold as of her first estate, and if it happens that any person who holds the said manor by knight's fee shall die during the term aforesaid, and his heir be within age, or if any tenant of the said manor commits a forfeiture, or is attainted of felony, or shall die without heir, on account of which the land shall be forfeitable, then the said Thomas, William, Roger, John, and Roger do grant by these presents that the said Dame shall have a moiety of the profits saving wards and marriages as the lands and tenements are forfeited and the reliefs of any one happening to be due during the said term. In witness whereof to these present indentures the parties aforesaid have interchangeably put their seals. Given at Brune in the Feast of the Nativity of our Blessed Lady. In the fifth year of the reign of our Lord the King Henry the 4th after the Conquest.

A selection from various Royal and Private Charters relating to Chesterfield.

(Chiefly from a large number of Chesterfield Charters in the possession of His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, at Hardwick Hall, and of F. J. S. Foljambe, Esq., M.P., at Osberton, Notts.)

XXV.—CHARTER OF WILLIAM RUFUS (by Inspeximus of King Henry VI., (Patent Rolls 8 Henry VI., p. 2, m. 10) addressed to Thomas, Archbishop R., Bishop of Chester, and Roger Earl, and E. Vicecomitis, and H. de Ferrars, and W. Peverel, declaring that he had given to the Church of St. Mary, of Lincoln, and to Robert, the Bishop, and his successors for ever, the Churches of Oschinton, Chestrefeld, Eseburne, and Mannesfeld, and the Chapels which are in the Berewicks adjacent to the said four Manors, so that he should hold the same, with all lands and tithes, and all things which to the said churches belonged in the time of King Edward. Witnesses:—Walch, Bishop of Winchester; William, Bishop of Durham; Ralf, the Chaplain; Eudo Dapifer, William Peverel, and Hamon Dapifer, Urso de Abetot, and Rudolf fil Ilger.

XXVI.—s. d. (circ King John.) Grant from William fil Ranulf de Walton to Robert fil Edward de Chesterfield of land in Walton, lying near the land of John Pistor and the land which Roger Gris held.

Witnesses:—Hugh de Dockmanton, Rad de Sidenhall, Robert (Brito) de Oggeston, Willo de Oggeston, Thomas de Walton, Walter del Mai, Thomas fil Richard de Chesterfield.

(From the Foljambe Charters at Osberton.)

XXVII.—s. d. (tempe. Henry III.) Grant from Robert fil Susannah de Rousely to Walter Clark, of Chesterfield.

Witnesses:—Hugo de Large, Peter de Brimington, John Pecco, Richard de Ulnal, Hugo de Pecco, Ad. Blund, Reginald fil Galfred, Herbert de Colinge, Willo Cannel.

(From the Foljambe Charters.)

XXVIII.—s. d. (tempe. Henry III.) Grant from Robert de Peck, of Chesterfield, to Peter fil Hugh, of Brimington, of land in Hordthorpe.

Witnesses :—Nicholas de Thorpe, Roger de Blie, William Cleric, Peter de Tappeton, John de Handcotes.

(From the Foljambe Charters.)

XXIX.—s. d. John Fitz Isaac, of Chesterfield, gave a toft in Chesterfield in his land called Colleshalfacre to Beauchief Abbey.

(From the Beauchief Chartulary.)

XXX.—s. d. Alan fil Gunild, of Chesterfield, gave a rent of three-pence yearly to Beauchief Abbey to be paid on St. Thomas's Day.

(From the Beauchief Chartulary.)

XXXI.—s. d. William fitz Norman, of Tadington, appointed his brother John heir of a toft in Chesterfield, saving the service of twelvecence, payable to his Lord William Brewer.

(From the Beauchief Chartulary.)

XXXII.—s. d. Commemorations at Beauchief Abbey of William Bungay, of Chesterfield, of Helemunda, wife of Osbert de Chesterfield, of William fitz Thomas, of Chesterfield, who gave £10 to the Abbey ; of Brother Thomas, of Chesterfield, of John le Mason, of Chesterfield, of Cecelia, his wife, and of their children of William Selioke, of Chesterfield, of Sir Roger de Chesterfield, who gave a new vestment of green colour, embroidered with gold, and a hundred silver shillings ; of Sir Richard Oxley, formerly priest of the Guild of the Holy Cross at Chesterfield.

(From Sidney Oldall Addy's History of Beauchief Abbey.)

XXXIII.—s. d. William Briges, a Burgess of Chesterfield, gave to Beauchief Abbey for the health of his soul and the soul of his wife, Alice, a toft in the new market on the south side, between the toft of Richard de Tapton and that of Wm. de Normanton, the Canons of Beauchief paying three shillings rent to Maud, daughter of Gilbert de Herselant.

XXXIV.—47 Henry III. Peter del Hirst, and Maud, his wife, surrendered the above rent to the Abbey.

(From Pegge's History of Beauchief Abbey f. 99 b.)

XXXV.—s. d. Richard Bonus (Faber) de Chesterfield gave all his land in the new market of Chesterfield which Roger, Ruffus, and Gilbert held of him to Beauchief, paying two shillings yearly to him and to his heirs.

(From Pegge's Hist. of Beauchief Abbey, f. 102.)

XXXVI.—s. d. Robert Wiggley, the elder, enfeoffed Sir John Ryggeway, Chaplain of Chesterfield, and William, his brother, of all his land in Wigley and Brampton, which he had of John, his father; Roger, his brother, and John Ryggeway, enfeoffed Ralf Barker, of Dore, and William del Backhouse, of Norton, of the same, who conveyed it to the Canons of Beauchief.

XXXVII.—s. d. Hugo fil Hugo de Dochmanton Grant to John Bond, of Chesterfield, land in Walton Calow, &c.

Witnesses:—Henry, cleric de Chesterfield, William fil Robert de Pillesley, Rico de Wint, of Chesterfield.

(From Mr. Frank's Muniments.)

XXXVIII.—1234.—Hugh (Brito) of Walton acknowledged to have received from William de Thornaco, Dean of Lincoln, six acres of land in Newbold which Matthew de Hathersage (qy. Brito) gave to the Church of Chesterfield.

Witnesses:—Hugh de Linacre, Peter de Brumington, William de Heavyheaton Jordan de.

(From Hallett's History of Chesterfield.)

XXXIX.—s. d. Grant of Henry fil Roger Bate, of Newbold, to Roger fil Henry de Newbold, of land at Chesterfield.

(From the Muniment Room of His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, Hardwick Hall.)

XL.—s. d. Grant from Robert Hayston, of Chesterfield, to Richard fil Bond, of Chesterfield, of a Meadow in Nebelbarow, in Walton, which Robert, his father, formerly held of Lawrence, of Newbygging. Witnesses:—Galfred, Vicar of Chesterfield, Walter Cleric, Adam Bland, Thomas Geld, Karmon Ada fil Bond.

(From Hardwick Hall.)

XLI.—s. d. Ralf Brito del Hertwyc to Jocelyn de Haremere, Grant of land at Hertwyc called Hympcroft, and land near Walter Seldene's land at Ravenscroft, land near Dalhec, and other land of Robert (Brito of Walton) brother of the said Ralf.

Witnesses:—Dno Willo de Heriz (Harcourt), Dno Robert de Harest, Robert de Wincon, Hugo (Brito) de Walton, Peter fil Simon de Brumington, Robert (Brito) de Oggeston, Robert de Heriz, in Sutton-on-Dale, Rado de Sydenhall, Willo fil Willi fil Thomae, in Sutton, Willo de Plesslie, in Sutton, Roger de Summerville, Ralf Cleric de Walton. (Seal, a *Fleur de Lis*.)

(From the Muniment Room of His Grace the Duke of Devonshire,
Hardwick Hall.)

This important Charter gives the foundation of the history of the family of Hardwicke, and shews that they were descended from a younger branch of the Britos, of Walton. It may be dated approximately by a Charter of William fitz Walkelin, Lord of Steinsby, of which Manor Hardwick was held. The genealogists have been greatly at fault with regard to all these families. Walkelin, the father of William, of Steinsby, was a younger son of William de Ferrers, Earl of Derby, and his sister Cecilia married Robert Brito, of Walton, who was father of Robert, of Walton, and Ralf, of Hardwick, both of whom attested William fitz Walkelin's Charter to Arnold de Hertstoft. To this Charter also were witnesses:—Michael de Derby, Stephen Parson, of Chesterfield, Magister, Roger de Glapwell, Alan de Ausedel, and Simon de Glapwell. William fil Walkelin obtained a Grant of Steinsby from Henry II., and his daughter and co-heiress married Robert the Savage, in 3 John. Derbyshire historians have erroneously supposed that the Savages were of this family, but this is an error. Mr. Coxe in his Derbyshire Churches repeats the statement.)

XLII.—25 Henry III. Sarra, widow of Ralf the Clerk, to Adam de Venell, of Chesterfield, of half an acre of land in the field of Behill.

Witnesses:—Robert Durant, Adam de Newbolt, Hugh de Newbolt, Thomas de Stardith, John Picard.

(From Mr. Foljambe's Charters.)

XLIII.—s. d. Grant of John de Sutton de Nottingham, Textor, and Matilda Bond, his wife, Richard de Aston, and John Frances de Herttoft, land of the John Bonde her brother, in Chesterfield, Newbold, and Boythorpe.

Witnesses:—John de Ryggeway, Cap de Chesterfield, Roger (Gernon) de Bankwell, Robt. de Flintham, Hugo Chose.

XLIV.—s. d. Peter Tinctor (dyer) of Chesterfield, grants to Peter fil Hugh de Dockmanton a rent which he received from William fil Hugh de Chesterfield, for a tenement which Peter Faber held of him, paying annually to the capital Lord of the Fee one pound cimini at Pentecost, and to the said Peter Tinctor one clave gylofrei.

Witnesses:—Peter de Brimington, Kt., Hugo de Docmanton, Walter de Linacre, Thomas de Leys, Willo fil Hugonis, Richeo fil Wlnac, and Robert fil Edwin (de Chesterfield).

XLV.—s. d. John Arcwryt de Chesterfield released to the Guild of the Blessed Mary of Chesterfield and to the Alderman and others of the guild, his rights in certain rents which Thomas Garard paid for land lying in Newfield between the stall (celda) of Galfred de Bohn and that of Roger de Mannesfield, and also an acre of land in the field of Boythorpe, between the lands of Henry Clere, of Chesterfield, and Richard Marescall, of Boythorpe.

Witnesses:—John de Brimington, William fil Thomas, Philip de Lem, Hugo de Newbolt, Richard fil Haris, Henry Cler, jun.
(Foljambe MSS.)

XLVI.—s. d. John fil John Bond de Chesterfield released to Margerie his sister the land which she had of John his father.

Witnesses: Richard Bond Galfrey Durant, Robert le Len.
(Foljambe MSS.)

XLVII.—21 Ed. I. John de Calale grants to Roger de Mannesfield, of Chesterfield land in Boythorpe.

(Foljambe MSS.)

XLVIII.—s. d. Adam fil Hugo de Lincoln in Chesterfield.

(Foljambe MSS.)

XLIX.—s. d. (c. Edward I.) Hugo fil Hugonis de Docmanton, grants to John Bond, of Chesterfield, land in Walton, called Hastenbuccer.

Witnesses:—Henry Cleric, of Chesterfield, William fil Robert de Pillesley, Richard de Wint de Chesterfield.

(Foljambe MSS.)

L.—26 Edward I. Emma, widow of Adam de Beat, of Chesterfield, to Stephen her brother.

Witness:—Wm. le Brett.

(Foljambe MSS.)

LI.—30 Edward I. William fil Willam Pistor (Baker), of Chesterfield, grants to Roger fil Galfred de Walton (Brito) a certain rent which Robert de Walton received out of Chesterfield for a tenement, lying in Glemus lane, which Robert had of the grant of Hugo de Sute.

Witnesses :—Roger Lanok, John Durant, Stephen le Eyr, Hugo de Newbold, Henry Clico.

LII.—11 Edward II. Roger de Mablethorpe gave to Gilbert, his brother, land at Whittington.

Witnesses :—John de Deincourt, William Brito, Peter de Brumington, Roger Docmanton, Robert Durant de Chesterfield.

(From the Muniment Room of His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, at Hardwick Hall).

LIII.—14 Edward II. Isabella, ux John fil Roger fil Hore, grants land in Whittington, Brimington, Staveley, and Donstone, to John fil Ranulf fil Reginald de Hulywelgate de Chesterfield.

Witnesses :—William de Brett, Lord of Brimington, Galfred de Skeck, Lord of Whittington, John le Savage, Ad de Norton de Staveley, Gilbert de Malbrethorpe de Brimington, Roger Bate de Newbold, Philip de Newbold de Chesterfield, Robert Cleric.

(From the Muniment Room at Hardwick Hall).

LIV.—16 Edward II. John fil William fil Edde (Edward) de Chesterfield to Richard le Archer de magna Hokelawe de Pecco, grant of certain goods in a messuage in the Saltgate of Chesterfield.

(From the Foljambe MSS.)

LV.—16 Edward II. Grant from John fil Richard Bond, of Chesterfield, to Roger de Mannesfield, dwelling in Chesterfield, of land in Boythorpe, near the lands of Robert Barclay, Robert Nott, and John fil Bond.

Witnesses :—Robert Lacok, John de Warsop, Roger de Glapwell, Adam de Newbold, William Lound (Heath), Roger Cleric.

(Foljambe MSS.)

LVI.—14 Edward III. Charter of Richard Albeyne, of Chesterfield.

(Foljambe MSS.)

LVII.—Saturday, in the Vigil of the feast of Pasc., 15 Ed. III. Nicolas Fox, of Chesterfield, to Adam Horn, of the same place, Chaplain, a stall and messuage lying in the new market in the Pocker Row, next John Bond's stall, and the stall of John le Barker, and a messuage lying in Soutergate, between a place of Adam, son of Robert de Barley, and one of Robert de Hampton.

LVIII.—18 Edward III. William Hyas de Chesterfield grants to John fil Roger fil Ranulf de Halywell land in Donston, Langley, Newbold, and Wytington.

(From the Muniment Room of His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, at Hardwick Hall.)

LIX.—20 Edward III. Release from Richard Foljambe to Henry de Hampton, of Chesterfield.

(Foljambe MSS.)

LX.—34 Edward III. John de Wytington, Alderman of the Guild of Mary, of Chesterfield, and Confrere of the same guild, grant of lease of a messuage to William Aleyn de Chesterfield.

(Foljambe MSS.)

LXI.—46 Edward III. John Bonde was perpetual Vicar of Chesterfield.

(Foljambe MSS.)

LXII.—TRANSLATION OF LETTERS PATENT BY KING EDWARD III., UNDER THE GREAT SEAL, GRANTING LICENCE TO RICHARD DE CHESTERFIELD AND THOMAS DURANT, TO ALIENATE IN MORTMAIN TO THE CHAPLAIN OF ALL SAINTS', CHESTERFIELD, A CERTAIN MESSUAGE, IN CHESTERFIELD, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAYING MASSES FOR THE GOOD OF CERTAIN SOULS.

(From the MUNIMENTS OF CHESTERFIELD.)

EDWARD, by the Grace of God, King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland, To all to whom these present letters shall come, Health. It is ordained by the Common Council for our kingdom of England, duly appointed, that it is not lawful for Religious men or others to dispose of any fee to any one so that they become in mortmain without our licence and that of the Capital Lord of whom that fee is immediately held. Nevertheless, of our special favour, and because of ten shillings which our chosen cleric, Richard de Chesterfield, has paid to us, we grant and give license for us and for our heirs as far as lieth in us, and to the same Richard and to Thomas Durant, that they shall give and assign one messuage, with its appurtenances, in Chesterfield, which is not held of us, to a certain Holy Chaplain in the Church of All Saints, of Chesterfield, for the healthy status of the same Richard and Thomas whilst they live, and for their souls' health, and for the souls of their fathers, mothers, of their Ancestors, and of their heirs when they are withdrawn from

this light, as well as for the souls' health of all faithful defunct, so that each day Mass shall be celebrated. To have and to hold to the same Chaplain, and his successors' holy Chaplains, in the church aforesaid, for the status of the souls aforesaid, each day that it is celebrated, in aid of his maintenance for ever. And the same chaplain shall receive the messuage and appurtenances aforesaid from the aforesaid Richard and Thomas, and shall hold them to himself and his successors the same holy persons, saying Mass each day in the church aforesaid for the status of souls aforesaid, in form aforesaid, in aid of his sustentation for ever as is aforesaid, according to the tenor of the same license specially given, notwithstanding the Statute being unwilling that the said Richard and Thomas, or their heirs, or the aforesaid Chaplain or his successors, by reason of the Statute aforesaid, by us, or our heirs, or our successors whatsoever, should be hindered or opposed in anything, saving nevertheless to the Capital Lord of the fee those services then due and accustomed. In witness of which we have made these letters patent. Witness ourselves at Westminster, the 22 day of June, in the year of our reign of England 46, and in our reign of France 33.

LXIIA.—49 Edward III. John Folcombe (Foljambe), of Tideswell, to William de Hackholder.

Witnesses :—Robert de Hethcote, John Pime.

(Foljambe MS.)

LXIII.—1st May, 4 Rich. II. Letters Patent. Licence of Mortmain to Richard de Chesterfield and Robt. de Derby, Clerics., to hold 5 acr. of land in Chesterfield and Newbold, worth 2s. 8d., to assign to Roger de Lesbes, cap cantarie ad Altare St. Michaelis Archi in ecclie parochali. One Scar de Chestrefeld et Henry de Foston cap Cantiare ad Altare be Marie Magdalene in ead ecclie. (Corporation Muniments.)

LXIV.—25 Sep., 16 R. 2. Letters Patent, with great Seal attached, granting to Wm. de Horbury, Cleric., Ricardo Porter, Vicario Ecclie de Chestrefeld, Robto Cause, Henrico de Mannsfred, Hugoni Draper de Chestrefeld, Willo de Lowe, et John del Assh de Chesterfeld, that they should be a fraternity and guild in the Church of All Saints, in Chesterfield, in honour of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of His Holy Cross. (Corporation Muniments.)

LXV.—14 Richard II. Grant from William del Lowe, de Chesterfield, to Roger del Hardwyk and Johanna, his wife, of the Manor of Hardwick, which he had of the feoffment of the said Roger de Hardwyk.

Witnesses:—Roger de Glapwell, John Franceys, John de Hanley, Philip de Barley, Thomas Barley de Sutton.

(From the Muniment Room of His Grace the Duke of Devonshire,
at Hardwick Hall.)

LXVI.—17 Richard II. Thomas de Nevil, Lord of Furnival, Thomas Gaumfrey, rector of Dronfield, Rico Gaumfrey, lately rector of Hengham, John de Marples of Sheffield, sen., and Robert Mandesder, release to John de Mannesfield of Chesterfield.

Witnesses:—Nicolas de Caushill, Ralf Freschville, Barth^w Montgomery, John de Bate of Thaathwaite, sen., William de Lynacre, William Lawe de Chesterfield.

(Foljambe MSS.)

LXVII.—19 Rich. II. John son and heir of John de Horsley, of Chesterfield, grants to John Rankell and John de Spondon, chaplains, a messuage in Chesterfield in vico called the Neye market, Sted lane, between the tenure of John de Chaveney towards the east, the tenement of the Guild of the Blessed Virgin towards the west, and the water called Hypre.

Witnesses:—John de Stafford de Eyum, Nicolas de Leyhes, Nicolas de Wardlowe, William de Lauke, Thomas Lanok.

LXVIII.—10 Apl., 1481. William de Calale de Normanton by Chesterfield, grants to John de Barley of the same place, of certain land there.

(Foljambe MSS.)

LXIX.—Henry VI. Release from Henry Gothe and Henry Perton, Esq., to Rich. Cook de Chesterfield, and William Webster, of land belonging to John Mawegei, of Chesterfield.

Witnesses:—Henry Pierpoint, chevalier, Thurston del Bours, Thomas Scales, John Brygge, John Tailor.

(From the Foljambe MSS.)

LXX.—23 Henry VI. Lease from Ralf, Lord of Crowmbwell (Cromwel) and Henry Pierpoint, Esq., Alderman of the Guild of the Holy Cross, in the church of All Saints, Chesterfield, Richard

Calcraft, Wm. Outram, and Rich. Carr, to John Wilson, of Chesterfield, of land at Tapton, and of the fee of Dronfield, which they had of the grant of John del Wode, of Brumington. Witnesses:—Thomas Bate, Senescallus de Chestrefeld, William Bate de ead, William Lynacre de Donston, Rich. Carr de Chesterfield, junr., John Sword de ead.

(From the Foljambe MSS.)

LXXI.—31 Hy. V. Thomas, son of Thomas Foljambe, grants to Henry his brother land in Chesterfield.

(From the Foljambe MSS.)

LXXII.—17 July, 3 Edward IV. William fil John Shawe to Richard Asche, of Chesterfield.

Witnesses:—Thomas Foljambe, Esq., Peter Freschville de Stanlegh, Esq., John Lynacre de Brampton, Henry Foljambe.

(Foljambe MSS.)

LXXIII.—16 Edward IV. John Hethcote, of Chesterfield, Mercer, to William Whithel, of Brampton, Smith.

(Foljambe MSS.)

LXXIV.—Henry VII. Acknowledgment by Robert Barley, of Barley Lees, jun., son and heir of Robert Barley, sen., that he had received from Henry Foljambe, Esq., by the hands of Thomas Foljambe £4, in the parish church of Chesterfield, before Richard Ash, Alderman of the said town, Thomas Hervey, and John Hethcott, bretheren, part of a sum of £20, owing through the arbitrament of Sir John Savage, jun.

(From the Foljambe MSS.)

LXXV.—6 Henry VII. John Asche de Chesterfield, son and heir of Richard Asche, confirms to Henry Foljambe, Lord of Walton, his tenement, extra barros de Chesterfield, between the lands of Thomas Lowestodes and Thomas Brampton.

Witnesses:—Henry Vernon, Kt., John Leek, Thomas Herve de Chesterfield, Stephen Herve, Robert Hollingsworth.

(Foljambe MSS.)

LXXVI.—19 Henry VII. Grant from Thomas Hervey, of Chesterfield, lately Alderman, to Gilbert Foljambe.

(Foljambe MSS.)

LXXVII.—CHARTER OF ALICE, WIDOW OF RALF DE PAPPLEWICK, OF CHESTERFIELD, DAUGHTER OF ALICE MILNER, OF THE SAME PLACE.

(From the Hist. MS. Commission. Ninth Report, p. 36. Papers of the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's.)

No. 871. Release by Alice, relict of Ralph de Papylwyk, of Chesterfield, dau. of Alice Milner of the same, sister also of Adam Innocent, father of John Innocent, clerk, and cousin and coheirress of the said John Innocent, to William Frenyngham, citizen of London, and Roger Westwode, clerk, of all her right in the manors of Bowes and Derneford, &c. Witnesses:—Richard Porter, vicar of the church of Chesterfield and others. March 10, 3 Henry IV.

LXXVIII.—TRANSLATION OF THE LETTERS PATENT OF KING HENRY VIII. (UNDER THE GREAT SEAL) CONFIRMING THE CHARTER OF KING RICHARD II., CREATING A GUILD IN THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, CHESTERFIELD, UPON INSPECTION OF THE CHANCERY ROLLS, THE ORIGINAL LETTERS PATENT HAVING BEEN ACCIDENTALLY LOST.

(From the Original now in the Muniment Room of the Corporation of Chesterfield, recovered and restored by Mr. Alderman GEE in April, 1884.)

HENRY THE EIGHTH, by the Grace of God, King of England and France, Defender of the Faith, Lord of Ireland, and upon Earth Supreme Head of the English Church (Anglicane Ecclesia). To all to whom these letters shall come, Greeting. It appears to us by inspection of our Rolls of Chancery that the Lord Richard, formerly King of England, etc, our Progenitor, caused to be made his Special Letters Patent in these words: Richard, by the Grace of God, King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland. To all to whom these present letters shall come, Greeting. Know ye that of our special favour we have granted and given licence for us and our heirs as far as lieth in us to our chosen Thomas Durant, John de Mannfield de Chesterfield, Richard de Chesterfield, cleric, and John Innocent, cleric, that they shall be a certain fraternity and guild perpetual of themselves and others who are of the same fraternity and guild in the Church of All Saints, in Chesterfield, in honour of the glorious Virgin the Blessed Mary there to be created and established, and one of the aldermen of the fraternity and guild aforesaid of the said brethren, and by the same brethren of the same fraternity and guild to super-

intend, rule, and justly govern the same fraternity and guild of the glorious Virgin the blessed Mary in the Church of All Saints aforesaid, and that they shall in each year choose and make succession and appoint in perpetuity, being unwilling that the said Aldermen, Brothers and Sisters, or their successors, by reason of the premises by ourselves or by our heirs, our Justices, Escheators, Sheriffs, or other Bailiffs, or our Ministers, or our heirs, whosoever therein shall be disturbed or be molested in any thing or manner whatsoever. In witness whereof we have made these our letters patent : As witness ourselves at Woodstock, the 25th day of September, in the 16th year of our reign. Richard, by the Grace of God, King of England and France, and Lord of Ireland. To all to whom these present letters shall come, Greeting. It is ordained by our Common Council of our Kingdom of England, duly appointed, that it is not lawful for religious men or others to dispose of any fees to any one so that they may become in Mortmain without our License and that of the Chief Lord, of whom that fee is immediately held, nevertheless of our special will and for £28. 6s. 8d., which our chosen Aldermen, Bretheren, and Sisters of the fraternity and Guild of the Glorious Virgin the Blessed Mary, in the Church of All Saints of Chesterfield, have paid to us we concede and give license for ourselves and our heirs as much as is possible to our chosen Thomas Durant, John de Mannefield de Chesterfield, Richard de Chesterfield, Clerk, and John Innocent, Clerk, that they shall give and assign Fifteen Messuages, half of one Messuage, and Six parts of One Messuage, and 22 acres of Land, and 14 acres of Meadow, and 23 shillings and 11 pence rent, with the appurtenances in Chesterfield, Dunston, Brampton, and Newbold, which are not held of ourselves, to the said Alderman, Bretheren, and Sisters, To have and to hold to the said Alderman, Bretheren, and Sisters, for maintaining a certain holy chaplain each day to celebrate mass at the altar of the Blessed Mary in the aforesaid Church for the souls of ourselves and of our dearest Brother, Thomas, Earl of Kent, and Alicia, his wife, and of their Children, and for the souls health of the said Thomas, John, Richard, and John whilst they live, and for all our souls, when from this light we depart ; as well as for the Souls health of the Alderman, Bretheren, and Sisters of the fraternity and Guild aforesaid during their lives, and for their souls health when they depart from this light, and for the souls of all benefactors of the fraternity and Guild aforesaid, and of all the faithful departed, and for such other pious works to be

maintained and sustained, according to the ordinances of the aforesaid Alderman, Bretheren and Sisters in this manner to be done for ever. And the same Alderman, Bretheren, and Sisters shall receive and hold the said Messuages, land, Meadow, and Rent aforesaid, with the appurtenances, for the aforesaid Thomas, John, Richard, and John, to them, and to their successors, the Alderman, Bretheren, and Sisters of the fraternity and Guild aforesaid, in form aforesaid for ever, as is aforesaid, according to the tenor of the same license specially given, the statute aforesaid to the contrary notwithstanding, being unwilling that the aforesaid Thomas, John, Richard, and John, or their heirs, or the said Alderman, Bretheren, and Sisters, or their Successors, by reason of the statute aforesaid by us, and by our heirs, Justices, Escheators, Sheriffs, or other Bailiffs, or other our Ministers, or their heirs whatsoever, shall be hindered or molested in any manner or form whatsoever; saving, nevertheless, to the Capital Lord of the fee whatever services are due, and of right accustomed. In testimony whereof we have caused these letters patent to be made. As witness ourselves at Oxford the 27th day of September, in the 16th year of our reign. We, therefore, because the aforesaid letters are accidentally lost, as Richard Newbold, Chaplain of the Guild of the Holy Cross, in the Church of All Saints, of Chesterfield aforesaid, before us, in our Chancery aforesaid, has stated upon his corporal oath, and upon the undertaking to bring back these letters, if they should be found, into our Chancery, there to be cancelled. Accordingly the said letters patent are enrolled at the request of the said George Ash, now Alderman of the fraternity or Guild of Chesterfield aforesaid, as we do declare and exemplify by these presents. In testimony of which we have caused these letters patent to be made. As witness ourself at Westminster the 26th day of November, in the 32nd year of our reign.

HALES.

LXXIX.—23 Sept., 1562. Power of Attorney from George, Earl of Shrewsbury, to Robert Shakerley, Robert Blunt, and John Long, to receive from the Burgesses of Chesterfield as well, one Lease of the guild and guild lands of Chesterfield aforesaid, granted to them by the late sovereign Lord and Lady, King Philip and Queen Mary, with the counterpaines as well of one deed or feoffment of one annuity of £6. 13s. 4d. to them by me the said Earl granted, as of one Indenture of lease to them, also by me granted of my Halle, Shoppes, Sellers, and Sollers in

Chesterfield aforesaid, as by the said Lease appeareth; as also to deliver for me, in my name and as my deed, unto the said Burgesses, my Deed and grant of the said annuity, and also the said Lease, signed, &c. (From the Chesterfield Muniments.)

With autograph of the Earl of Shrewsbury.

LXXX.—TRANSLATION OF A FACULTY GRANTED BY THOMAS, LORD BISHOP OF COVENTRY AND LICHFIELD TO THE MAYOR, CHAPLAIN, AND FRATERNITY, AND THEIR SUCCESSORS, TO HAVE CERTAIN SEATS IN THE PARISH CHURCH OF CHESTERFIELD FOR THEMSELVES AND THE WIVES OF THE SAID MAYOR AND ALDERMEN, DATED THE 1ST DAY OF AUGUST, 1621.

(From the MUNIMENTS OF THE CORPORATION OF CHESTERFIELD.)

(NOTE.—Although so soon after the Reformation, learning amongst the Clergy of the Church of England was already upon the decline, this document is scarcely legible; although written in the court-hand of the period, the letters are scrawled over the page like those of a boarding-school Miss of the last century, in what was formerly called a running hand—a kind of hand writing that would disgrace a board school of these days. For the translation of this document the author is much indebted to the good services of the Rev. J. Fowler, of Bishop Hadley's Hall, Durham.)

To all and singular the faithful in Christ to whom our present letters, testimonial, may come. We, Thomas, by divine permission, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, wish health in the author of Salvation, being desirous of affording undoubted authority for these presents, we bring to the knowledge of you all and desire it to be brought by these presents, that since lately it has been shown to us upon the part of Godfrey Webster, Mayor of Chesterfield, and the Aldermen and the other worshipful of the same town, that twenty years from this time (or thereabouts). Four decent Benches (Scamua) or Long Seats, in length fifteen feet and nine thumbs breadth (inches), and in breadth 9 feet and nine thumbs breadth, in a fit and convenient place in the Parish Church of Chesterfield, for the especial need and uses of the Mayor and six Aldermen, the Common Chaplain (the Mayor's Chaplain?), and six Bretheren of the same Town, and the wives of the said Mayor and Aldermen, and of their successors in those offices, for sitting, standing, kneeling, and assisting in the time of the celebration of public prayers and of other divine offices in the Church aforesaid, by the unanimous consent and assent were together constructed and built, whereupon the

said Mayor and Aldermen, Chaplain, Bretheren, and the wives of the same Mayor and Aldermen, and their successors successively in their times, the said four Scamua or seats peacefully and quietly for all the said time, or thereabout, to the said uses, held and possessed them, even as they do hold and possess them in the present without anyone on their part claiming or contradicting. Since also on the part of the said Godfrey Webster, the Mayor and Aldermen, and others of the said Town of Chesterfield, it has been to us humbly prayed That we the said four Benches or seats so as aforesaid, together constructed and built to the uses and need beforementioned, would vouchsafe to approve, concede, and confirm by our ordinance, we to their petitions which are just, lawful, and honest to be held, and considering that it is necessary that the said four Benches or seats should be had and possessed for the use and need of the said Godfrey Webster, the Mayor and Aldermen, the Chaplain and Bretheren of the Town of Chesterfield aforesaid, and for the wives of the aforesaid Mayor and Aldermen for the said uses and for the use of their successors in office or titles aforesaid for ever, each in in their own times to have and to hold, and to enjoy, As much as is in us and according to the laws of the Kingdom of England, we yield, concede, approve, appropriate, and confirm, according as we concede, approve, appropriate, and confirm by these presents. In witness whereof we have firmly affixed to these presents the official seal of our Vicar general in spiritualities. Given at Lichfield the 1st day of August, in the year of our Lord, 1621.

(With part of the official seal attached.)

LXXXI.—3 Novr., 1658. INDENTURE made the third day of Novr., in the year of our Lord God (according to the account now used in England), 1658, between the Rt. Honble. Charles, Lord Viscount Mansfield, the Rt. Honble. Henry Cavendish, Esq., John Rolleston, of Welbeck, in the county of Nottingham, gent., and William Clayton, of Roulmley, in the county of Derby, of the one part, and the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Borough of Chesterfield of the other part, being a demise of the mote hall or town hall, in the market place of the town, together with the shops, sellers, solers, and other several roomthes, buildings, and places to the same belonging, except and reserving to the said Lord Mansfield and his heirs the roomth of the said hall, when the Court of the said Lord Mansfield for his said town and the hundred of Scarsdale shall

be kept in the said town for the Steward thereof and all other officers of the said Lord Mansfield and sutors and commissioners to the said Court, and excepting and reserving the prison house or roomth under the said hall appointed and ordained for the Lord's prison for 21 years at 6/8 each. Sealed by the said Lord Mansfield in the presence of Wm. Rose, **Thomas Goodwin Peter**, and Rd. Medham. (From the Chesterfield Muniments.)

LXXXII.—THE EXPULSION OF THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, AND BRETHEREN, AND COMMON COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF CHESTERFIELD, FROM THEIR OFFICES, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF OTHERS IN THEIR PLACES, BY REASON OF THE REFUSAL TO TAKE THE OATHS. DATED THE 14, CHARLES II. (1663.)

(FROM THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT NOW AT CHESTERFIELD.)

Whereas we John Freshville, Esq., George Vernon, Esq., Richard Coke, Esq., Charles Cotton, Esq., John Schalcrose, Esq., Charles Agard, Esq., and Simon Degge, Esq. (Commissioners under the Act for regulating Corporations) command that Hercules Clay for that he hath this present day refused before us to subscribe the declaration and to take the oaths directed by the said Act, &c., be displaced and removed from the office of Mayor and one of the Aldermen of the Town and Burrow of Chesterfield, and we do order that John Allwood, one of the Aldermen who has taken the oaths and subscribed the declaration, be present Mayor, and we order, &c., that Wm. Newton, Thomas Needham, Thomas Forth, and Gilbert Heathcote for the same cause be also removed from being Aldermen, and that Ralf Ash, Richard Marchant, Thomas Large, Thomas Pinder, and Richard Cadwell, who have taken the oaths, &c., be Aldermen, and we further remove Roger Coates, Richard Youle, Robert Stringfellow, and Thomas Bretland from the brotherhood, and that James Milnes, grocer, Edward Needham, Anthony Legate, James Dutton, and William Mackson be bretheren in their places, and we also remove Edward Revell, Humphrey Pettie, Adam Gill, John Stones, George White, and Michael Watton, who have refused to take the oaths, and James Milnes, Ironmonger, who has absented himself, be removed from being Capital Burgesses and Common Counsellors of this town, and that John Marsden, Francis Marples, Thomas Slatier, Godfrey Shaw, John Hosland, Thomas Needham, Francis Gilberthorpe, John Shaw, and Hewyn Leatherland be appointed in their stead.

With heraldic seals of all the Commissioners.

**LXXXIII.—LICENCE BY WILLIAM, DUKE OF NEWCASTLE, TO BUILD A
MARKET HOUSE IN THE MARKET PLACE OF CHESTERFIELD, DATED
THE 3RD MAY, 1675. (From the Chesterfield Muniments.)**

To all Christian people to whom this present writing shall come. Know ye that I, William, Duke of Newcastle, have for myself, my heirs and assigns, given and granted, and by these presents doe, for mee, my heirs and assigns, give and grant unto the Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the Town and Corporation of Chesterfield, in the County of Derby, and their successors, and to Samuel Taylor, of Walden Wells, in the County of Nottingham, gent., his heirs, executors, Administers and Assigns, free and full libertye to build and erect in and upon the Market place in the said Town of Chesterfield a decent and convenient market house for the better ornament of the said town. And for the shelter and safeguard of the market people, and also free leave and liberty for them, their servants and worken, to break so much of my waste on the said Market place as is necessary or convenient for the setting of pillars and making a good foundation for the same, which said market house for ever hereafter shall be, and enure to the sole use and behoof of the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the said Corporation and their successors. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the 3rd day of May, in the 27 year of the reign of our sovereign, Lord King Charles the Second, 1675.

With seal and autograph of the Duke of Newcastle.

A List of the Corporation MSS., &c., 1789.

FROM DR. PEGGE'S MANUSCRIPTS DEPOSITED AT THE HERALD'S COLLEGE, ENTITLED, "A SCHEDULE OF PAPERS IN THE CORPORATION CHEST, 1789."

(The numbers to which some of these items are referred are the numbers in Mr. Cutt's List of Records next following.)

- 1.—28 Hy. 8th. Pardon for the Guild of All Saints. (This is probably a mistake for No. 6, the 28th Henry VI., now in the Muniment Room.)
- 2.—Deed of William Horne to his son Adam.

- 3.—38 Henry VIII. Benedicita Davis, widow of John Davis, of Chesterfield, Tornes, and formerly wife of Wm. Dawson, of Chesterfield, Torniser, and John Davis, her son, grant to Raufe Heathcott, bellfounder, then Alderman of Chesterfield, Richard Asch, Richard Hethcott, potter, John Hethcott, mercer, Richard Turner, yeoman, Ralf Heathcott, bocher, and Alan Lache, bocher, all of Chesterfield, a tenement in Tapton lane to be held of the Alderman and Bretheren for maintaining the Parish Church.
- 4.—18 R. II. Rental of the Guild of the Blessed Mary of Chesterfield.
- 5.—4 Rich. II. License in Mortmain. (No. 4 now in the Muniment Room.)
- 6.—23 Ed. III. Grant of John Proudface, of Chesterfield, to Roger, son of Adam de Newbold, of land there.
- 7.—33 Ed. I. Quit claim (Release) from William, son of William Riche to Robert Cissor, of Chesterfield, and Agnes, his wife.
- 8.—45 Ed. III. Grant by Hugh de Sheffield, and Roger Beet, of Chesterfield, to Roger Rachel de Chesterfield, and Mary, his wife.
- 9.—1621. The Mayor and Alderman's seats. (No. 29, the faculty of the Bishop of Lichfield, &c., printed at page 136, No. LXXX.)
- 10.—1328. Grant from Adam fil John Pistor to Richard his son.
- 11.—25 Sep., 16 Rich. II. License to found Guild. (This is evidently a mistake for No. 5, the License in Mortmain, that was supposed to be lost, now in the Muniment Room.)
- 12.—10 July, 31 Ed. III. License in Mortmain to Roger de Chesterfield. (Evidently intended for No. 3, now in the Muniment Room.)
- 13.—s. d. William Brewerr grants to John, son of William Leek, two tofts in the new market of Chesterfield, which he had from William Brewerr in the time of King Richard, before the Vill of Chesterfield came into his hands. Witnesses:—John Roger, chaplain, Galfred de Monasteriis, Yvo de Heriz, Robert de Briton, Robert de Brumington, Simon his brother, Robert de Durham, Hugh Cleric de Walton, Richard de Ingle-ram, Cleric de Bronden, Roger de Brewell, Wm. de Normanton. Seal, a *Mermaid*.

It is greatly to be regretted that this very interesting Charter is lost; the seal especially is of great interest, see Introduction.

- 14.—s. d. Peter Tinctor, of Chesterfield, to Peter fil Hugh de Normanton, release (printed at page 126, No. XLIV.)
- 15.—William Brewerr's Charter (printed at page 28, No. VIII.)
- 16.—Henry IV. Charter (qy. Charter of Henry VII., printed at page 50, No. XIII.)
- 17.—26 Ed. III. License in Mortmain to Richard de Chesterfield.
- 18.—Declaration that the Manors of Wittenton, Brimington, Tapton, Cestrefeld, Buttorp, and Echendene were of ancient demesne. (qy. Edward IV's. Charter printed at page 47, No. XII.)
- 19.—The original Confirmation Charter of Henry III., see page 31, No. IX.
- 20.—16 Rich. II. Grant by Thomas Durant, John de Mannesfield de Chesterfield, Richard de Chesterfield, Cleric, John Innocent, Cleric, to the Alderman, Bretheren, and Sisters, of the confraternity of the Blessed Virgin in the church of Chesterfield, of 15 messuages.
Witnesses:—Sir Ralf Freschvelle, Sir Wm. de Dethic, Roger de Langford, Roger Harcourt, Robert Caus, Wm. de Linacre, Hy. de Mannesfield, Wm. de Law.
- 21.—Confirmation of Charters by Edward IV. (see page 44, No. XI.)
- 22.—Confirmation of Charters by Edward VI. (see page 58, No. XV.)
- 23.—32 Henry VIII. Charter reciting loss of Charter of Guild (printed at page 183, No. LXXVIII.)
- 24.—3 Hy. V.—Richard de Killington, and Margeria, his wife, grant to Sir John Talbot Dno de Furnival, Sir Roger Leeke, and Hy. Serge of a messuage lying in the new place of Chesterfield.
Witnesses:—Rad Durant, Wm. de Brampton, John Leukter, Rich. Cok, Wm. Brower.
- 25.—8 Henry V. Two Court Rolls of the Dean of Lincoln.
- 26.—5 Henry IV. The lease of Dame Joan, Countess of Kent (printed at page 118, No. XXIV.)
- 27.—6 Ric. II. John de Hynkspall and John de Ryggeway, of Chesterfield, chaplains, grant to Robert del Peck, Robt. de Norton, Wm. de Calale, ye yr., Henry de Manesfield, Wm. Brown, de Chesterfield, Wm. Bever, of the same, Robert, son of Elias de Newbold, Wm. de Calowe, of Chesterfield, a messuage in the new market which they held of the feoffment of Joan, the wife of John Goldsmith.
Witnesses: John de Manesfield, John del Asch, Alderman, Hugh Drapier, Ric. Beverig, John Thyne, &c.

- 28.—43 Ed. III. Margota Roger fil Mich. de Tapton, de Chesterfield, grants to Lord Robert de Birchover, Rector of the Church of Riseholm, Dno John de Hunkswell, cap. Wm. Beveridge de ead, and Hugh Choy, de ead, half the bakehouse formerly Robert fil Gilbert in Halywellgate, in the wykeday market.
Witnesses:—John Lawcock, John de Mannesfield, John Goldsmith, Hy. de Mannesfield, Wm. Tornworle, &c.
- 29.—9 Ric. II. John del Loft, de Chesterfield, grants to Wm. de Calale, Hy. de Mannesfield, Ad. Brown, Wm. del Lowe, de ead, Robert, son of Elias de Newbold, a tenement in Hallywelgate.
Witnesses:—John de Mannesfield, John del Ash, Rich. Beveridge, Hugh Drapier, Robt. de Whittlewell.
- 30.—23 Edward III. Grant from Alic, dau. of Robt. Wayfer, of Chesterfield, to Wm. Lorimer, Chaplain of Chesterfield, ten. in H., and a curtilage in Tapton Lane.
Witnesses:—Roger fitz Ranulf, Rich. de Tollingworth, Roger de Whittyton, John Clerk, Job Leuker.
- 31.—17 Henry VII. Richard Ash, of Chesterfield, Barber, grants to Jos. Bereford, a tenement in Veyder Market, Steyde Lane, otherwise Betwil Lane.
Witnesses:—Richard Hethcote, Alderman Vill de Chesterfield, Ralf de Hethcote, de ead Potter, John Hethcote, de ead Mercer, Robt. and Rich. Flint, Barbers.
- 32.—8 Hy. VIII. Richard Hethcote, late of Chesterfield, Brazier, states that whereas John Viver, of the same place, deceased, did by his Deed, date 2 Hy. VII., enfeof him and one John Tomson of two tenements in H, he the said Richard grants them to Thomas Ash, Alderman of Chesterfield.
Witnesses: Rad. Hethcote, Bocher, Rad. Hethcote, Brazier.
- 33.—33 Hy. VIII. Thomas Leighe, the elder, constituted Thos. Shaw, de Leeds, his attorney to surrender to the Lord of the Court of St. John of Jerusalem, in England, of Chesterfield, two stalls within the Butchay of Chesterfield, to the use of John Waward, Alderman of Chesterfield.
- 34.—5 Rich. II. General Release from the beginning of the world from Matilde, widow of Adam del Grene, de Staveley, to John Fog, de Chesterfield.

- 35.—5 Henry VIII. Grant from John Davis to Richard Coote and Robert Brodhed, both of Chesterfield, of a tenement there.
Witness:—Richard Donne, Chaplain; Robert Parcur, Chaplain; Dionisus Brodhed, Chaplain; Henry Rengham, William Walkinson.
- 36.—1337. Roger de Hulme, Chaplain, grant to Lord Henry de Sutton, Magister de Solum, de Chesterfield, and Agneta, his wife, a tenement in Boythorpe and Bramfield which he had of the gift of the said Henry.
Witnesses:—Robert de Hampton, John de Mannesfield, Henry de ead, Robert fitz Fellee, Wm. Lawrence.
- 37.—24 Richard II. Grant from John Pog, of Chesterfield, to Roger del Legh, of Chesterfield, Chaplain, and John Youle, of Chesterfield, of a messuage lying in Southgate (? Soutergate).
Witnesses:—Nicolas de Ranwell, Robert de Tyneham, Robt. de Haynton, John Beveridge, John del Fryth.
- 38.—II. Hy. VIII. Release from Nicolas Lumm to James Beresford, LL.B. (?), Vicar of Chesterfield and Canon of Lichfield, to Rad Bate, Alderman of Chesterfield, and Robert Barker, of Chesterfield, of a messuage at Wigsthorpe, and land at Carlton, in Lindriken and Wigsthorpe.
- 39.—3 Elizabeth. Confirmation of Charter (probably a mistake for the Charter of 9 Elizabeth, printed at page 64, No. XVI.).
- 40.—15 Edward III. Grant from Nicolas Fox, of Chesterfield, to Adam Horne, chaplain, of the same place, of a stall in the Potters' Rowe, in Southgate.
Witnesses:—John le Barker, Henry de Mannesfield, Robert Telloson, and others.
- 41.—9 Elizabeth. Confirmation of Charter of John Wake (probably the 4th Charter of Elizabeth, inspecting (not confirming) Wake's Charter, with the two compositions (printed Nos. 20 and 21).
- 42.—21 April, 40 Elizabeth. Charter of Confirmation (printed at page 74).
- 43.—Grant of a house in Tapton lane for maintaining the church.
- 44.—2 Henry VII. Two tenements, &c. James Busthorpe, Vicar.
- 45.—An old transcript of King John's Charter to William Brewere, Ao. 17. This is fuller than that copy in ye Black Book. N.B. ye original is supposed to be lost.

- 46.—A small bundle relating to a house in Betewell lane.
- 47.—1479. Will of John Williams.
- 48.—1337. Roger de Hulme Charter to Henry de Sutton, and wife Agnes, all goods, &c. in Boythorpe and Dronfield.
- 49.—9 Ric. II. William de Calale, Henry de Mansfield, Adam Bron de Chesterfield, William del Lowede (Lounde) de ead, and Robert fil Elie de Newbold, demise to John del Loft and Maud of a messuage in Halywelgate, for founding an obit.
- 50.—14 Ed. II. Alan fil Galfred Hulme de Chesterfield grant to Henry de Sutton, Majister Scholarum de Chesterfield of a messuage.
Witnesses:—Adam de Newbold, Roger de Mannfield, Wm. de Ryggway, Roger de Glapwell, Robert de Barley, Walter Nevel.
- 51.—3 Henry VIII. Bond from Thomas Bland of Bonsal, to Thomas Meller to indemnify him against the Dean of Lincoln for chief rent.
- 52.—23 Henry VII. An acquittance.
- 53.—19 Rich. II. John de Horsely Charter to John Snowden, chaplain (printed No. LXVII., page 131).
- 54.—5 Edward IV. A surrender in the Court of Richard, Earl of Warwick and Leicester, by Nicholas Stafforth, to the use of Richard Hall, of a burg lying near the chapel of St. Thomas Martyr.
- 55.—9 Henry VI. Bond from Robert Richel, of Chesterfield, to Thomas Woodward, mustard maker; Robert Chaloner, barber; and William atte Stone, concerning a croft in Tapton lane.
- 56.—1545. Thomas Ash, chaplain, release to George Hethcote, Alderman of Chesterfield, and his successors from all actions.
- 57.—12 Edward IV. Bond from Jo. Woodruf, of Staveley, son and heir of John Woodruf, of the same place, to John Williamson, Burgess and Freeman of Chesterfield, of a house in Betwel lane.
- 58.—16 Hy. VI. John, son and heir of John Marescal, of Carlton, in Lyndece (Lincoln) to Robert Cudwell, Prior of Novoloco, in Sherwood, John William Goldington, and Hugo Hartington (qy. Horsington), of a toft in Carlton.

59.—37 Henry VI. Hugo Horsington de Wygthorpe, in Carlton, to John Gaytford and Magister John Brigg, Rector of Carlton, concerning land there.

60.—2 Henry VIII. Grant from Benedictus Ashton to Nicolas Davitt of his rights in Wigthorpe.

61.—1350. William de Kydceas, of Chesterfield, Grant to John Helyngham, of Chesterfield, land in Southgate, near land of Ralf Ketel and Galf King.

Witnesses—John Bate de Chesterfield, Thomas de Bilbock, John de Betworth, Henry de Hampton, Roger Lanark.

62.—31 Henry VI. William, son of John Marescal, of Carlton, to J. Catesby, Prior of Newstead, William Goldington, in Lethington, Hugo Horsington, of Carlton, of land there.

63.—27 Henry VIII. Bond from John Cade, late of Chesterfield, tanner, John Woodward and Ralf Pillesley to George Ashe, Alderman of the Guild of St. Cross.

64.—A bundle relating to a house in Southgate.

34 Ed. III. A place called Goleyard

20 Ed. III. Henry de Sutton, Majister Scolarum.

11 Rich. II. Walter Whiting, chaplin.

4 Henry IV. Roger Dethic, Thos. Bolsover, chaplains.

12 Henry VII. Thomas Beresforth, Vicar of Chesterfield.

65.—22 Ed. I. Wake's Charter (No. 2, printed at page 33).

66.—19 Ed. IV. Robert Gryssope, Alderman (Gryssoppes composition No. 11, printed at page 102).

67.—6 Oct., Elizabeth. Ralf Heathcote.

ROLLS.—Chartularies of lands in various places :—

21 Rich. II. Rental of the Guild of the Blessed Mary of Chesterfield :

de Fratribus St. Helene, 1.

Robert de Whittington, 5.

de Fratribus de St. Crucis, 6d.

de John de Hunkeshell.

Thomas Durant, 9d.

Abbas de Welbec, 6d.

Richard Porter, Vicar, 2s. 6d.

Total, £4. 8s. 2d.

Tenentes, &c.:

John Tannesley, Chaplain, 12d.

Total, £15. 16s. 7½d.

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Average Reddit Gilde B.M.V., a 24 Ed. III., to 7th Henry IV. Manucap Dno Will Dethic, John Foljambe, Rich. Porter, Vicar; John de Calcroft, Alderman.

Another Rent Roll 6 Edward III.:

Richard de Chesterfield, Robert de Whittington, Frateres; Aldermanes et pater, Henry de Mannesfield, Dno. William Lorimer, Chaplain; Thomas Durand, Richard Porter, Robert, son of Elias de Newbold.

Roll I.—The Guild of Dronfield:

John Hethcote, Nicolas Durant.

Roll II.—The Guild of Dronfield:

James Heathcote, John Kineford, Guild of St. Trinity.

Several others are signed by Henry Foljambe and Ralf Heathcote.

N.B.—Owing to pressure of time only a short note of these Rolls was taken by the author.

INVENTORY OF CHARTERS, DEEDS, BOOKS, BOOKS OF ACCOUNT, AND ALL DOCUMENTS AND EFFECTS BELONGING TO THE CORPORATION OF CHESTERFIELD, MADE BY JOHN CUTTS, ESQ., THE PRESENT TOWN CLERK, UPON HIS APPOINTMENT IN 1857.

- 1.—No date ... William Brewer's grant of freedom. (Fine printed at page 28, and see Photograph.)
- 2.—22 Edward I.. Wake's Charter. (Printed at page 33.)
- 3.—31 Edward I.. Letters patent. (? Mistake of Edward III., printed at page 129, as to Guild of the Holy Cross.)
- 4.—4 Richard II... Letters patent.
- 5.—16 Richard II. Letters patent. (This is evidently the Charter which, according to that of Henry VIII., printed at page 130, was lost. No doubt it came to light subsequently.)
- 6.—14 Henry IV.. Letters patent. (No doubt the Charter of the 10 Henry VII., printed at page 50.)
- 7.—2 Edward VI.. Letters patent. (Printed at page 58.)
- 8.—40 Elizabeth... Charter of incorporation. (Printed at page 73.)
- 9.—32 Charles II.. Extension of the powers of Elizabeth's Charter. (Printed at page 93.)
- 10.—20 Edward IV. Grant of freedom from tolls. (Certificate that Borough is of ancient demesne, printed at page 47.)

- 11.—19 Edward IV. An agreement concerning the election of an Alderman. (Gryssop's composition, printed at page 102.)
- 12.—25 Henry VI... A grant of pardon to the Aldermen, Brethren, Sisters, &c., for all offences against the statutes previous to the date. (As to Guild of Holy Cross.)
- 13.—23d Sept., 1562. Power of attorney. (Letter of attorney from George, Earl of Shrewsbury, to receive Lease of the Guild and Guild land granted by Philip and Mary, printed at page 135.)
- 14.—8 Elizabeth ... An agreement made by the Aldermen and Burgesses for ruling the town. (Composition printed at page 105.)
- 15.—8 Eliz., Dec. ... Power of attorney.
- 16.—9 Eliz., 13 Dec. Grant of freedom from tolls. (Certificate that the Borough is of Ancient Demesne of the Crown of England, printed at page 71.)
- 17.—9 Eliz., 16 Dec. Confirmation of William Brewer's grant by John Wake, referred to at page 113.
- 18.—10 Elizabeth... An award.
- 19.—3rd Nov., 1658. Lease of Town Hall. (Printed at page 137.)
- 20.—14 Charles II. Instrument for regulating Corporation.
- 21.—3rd May, 1675. Grant by the Duke of Newcastle for erecting a Market House in Chesterfield Market Place. (Printed at page 139.)
- 22.—Ten Charters between Sir Thomas Foljambe, Godfrey Webster, Lord William Cavendish, John Lord Darcy, and the Dame Isabella, his wife, Roger Nott, Ralf Clark, and others, relating to the Cockpit property, in the occupation of Messrs. Lingard, Moore, Haslam, and the Corporation, dated from the 7th Oct., 10 James I., to the 17th August, 1655.
- 23.—Two Deeds relating to the Workhouse property (part of Cockpit), dated 1791.
- 24.—A bundle of papers relating to the Workhouse.
- 25.—Feoffment from Gilbert Heathcote and wife to the Corporation, relating to two closes of land in Derby Lane, dated 18th March, 1652.
- 26.—Three Deeds relating to the tithes of land at Unstone.
- 27.—A short abstract of title of Joseph Cecil to tithes in the Parish of Dronfield.

- 28.—Three Indentures between Thomas Fothergill, Francis Tenant, John Hudson, John Hussey, and Richard Dixon, Anthony Lax Maynard, and the Corporation, dated from 1776 to 1802.
- 29.—A Faculty for seats in the Parish Church. (Printed at page 136.)
- 30.—Statement of property, and summary of estates and rentals applicable to the Borough Fund, dated May 9th, 1836.
- 31.—Bond from James Robinson, Esquire, Borough Treasurer, to Corporation ; file of Municipal Accounts ; Lodging House Regulations ; published copy of Borough Bye-Laws, dated March 21st, 1836.
- 32.—A Corporation Record Book, commencing in 1836.
- 33.—An old book, in possession of Mr. Robert Waller, and claimed to be retained by him as Solicitor of the Charity Trustees ; an abstract of which is hereafter printed.
- 34.—The new Corporation Seal.
- 35.—Bundle of Corporation Vouchers, of Nuisance Removal Books and Forms, three Burgess Rolls from 1836 to 1856 inclusive, and an old Declaration Book. (See pages 154 to 156.)
- 36.—Thirty-eight files of old Voting Papers, two files of revised Burgess Lists, and depositions on revision of Lists, and one file of Borough Bye-Laws.
- 37.—Silver gilt mace, silver tankard, and silver race stand ticket, in possession of William Drabble, Esquire, as the Mayor.
- 38.—Burgess Lists for 1856, and old Burgess Lists, together with certain books, &c.

LIST OF MAYORS OF THE BOROUGH OF CHESTERFIELD.

In the earliest times the Chief of the Borough was called the Prepositus, just as were the Chief Magistrates of Nottingham and Derby, and other great cities. The first notice that Chesterfield possessed such an officer is from the fine of William Brewer, printed at page 29. That he had an existence prior to that fine is obvious, from the fact that the mention is made, not for the sake of investing a member of the Borough with a new duty or office, but to prevent that office being abused, "no one should be the Prepositus (or Reeve as he is sometimes called) without his own consent."

Wake's Charter has no mention of the Prepositus or Reeve, but he distinctly refers to the Bailiff, and, as the preamble of the 3rd Charter of Queen Elizabeth shews, and the Earl of Shrewsbury's usurpation proves, there was a great confusion of names and offices, and probably this is the difficulty referred to. In later times we find the chief officer styled an Alderman. This is a very old title and bespeaks a pre-Norman origin for the Borough, and it is probably the oldest title. The Bailiff would appear to be appointed by the Lord of the Manor, and in early times he was probably a distinct officer, though sometimes possibly the same person, but the Earl of Shrewsbury was probably the first to make this a necessity. Very few of the names of the earliest chief officers have been preserved; occasionally, in some early Charter, we meet with a witness who describes himself Prepositus, Senescal, Alderman, or Bailiff, and a few instances are here given. No doubt the list could be greatly improved, and the author would be grateful if any of his readers would send him additional names. This list has, in the early portion, been compiled from Charters; for the later part the author is chiefly indebted to Dr. Pegge, and to Mr. Blockley, of Chesterfield, to the latter entirely for the last portion.

Perhaps one of the oldest officers known was Alberic, Bailiff of Chesterfield, who attested an undated Charter of Robert de Glamorgan, the original of which is in the possession of the sons of the late Mr. Swift, of Sheffield. This Robert de Glamorgan describes himself as—

Rector of the Church of Bonay, and he granted land to St. James', Welbec, for the repose of the souls of Philip, his father; Amabell, his mother; Brian de Insula; Sarra, his sister; Robert Passilewe; William de St. Marie, Ecclesie; Ralf de Frescheville; Wille uxore sue and Filicie de Sidenhall.

To this Charter besides Alberic, Ancherus de Freschville, Peter de Harstaines Galfredo de Berry, Jocelyn de Steynesby, Hugo de Docmanton, William de Frentenay, Robert de Pinent de Whitewell, and Rich. Harden were witnesses, so that the date is probably, as the handwriting indicates, of the reign of Henry III., but it is by no means clear what is the precise date. Brian de Insula died 18 Henry III., and Ralf Freschville was living in 1243.

From 24 Edward III to 7 Henry IV. John de Calcraft was Alderman of the Guild of St. Mary's. He may or may not have also been Alderman of the Borough.

- 34 Edward III. ... John de Whittington, Alderman of the Guild.
 23 Henry VI. ... Thomas Bate was Senescal of Chesterfield. (See Charter of Ralf, Lord Cromwell, to Richard Calcroft and others, page 132.)
 28 Henry VI. ... Robert Gryssop, then Bailiff of Chesterfield, Richard Calcroft, and Thos. Swale, of the same place. (See Charter in possession of Mr. Swift.)
 19 Edward IV. ... Robert Gryssop, Alderman. (See Composition, page 102.) At the same date the following were Burgesses:—
 John Owerde, John Ochinston,
 John Thomason, Richard Turner,
 William Atkinson, Richard Asche,
 John Sapyll, Thomas Hewgate,
 Thomas Hervey, James Fox,
 John Hethcote, Ralph Carey.
 2 Henry VII. ... Richard Asche, Alderman. (See Robt. Barley's Charter, p 132.)
 THOMAS HERVEY, } *Bretheren.*
 JOHN HETHCOTE, }
- 17 Henry VII. ... Richard Hethcote, Alderman.
 19 Henry VII. ... Thomas Hervey, nuper Alderman.
 11 Henry VIII. ... Ralf Bate, Alderman.
 27 „ ... George Asche, Alderman of Guild of Holy Cross.
 32 „ ... George Asche, Alderman of the Borough. (See Royal Charter of that date.)
 36 „ ... George Heathcote, Alderman.
 38 „ ... Ralf Hethcote, belfounder, Alderman.
 9 Elizabeth ... Richard Stephenson, Alderman.
 40 Elizabeth ... Ralf Clark, 1st Mayor under the Queen's Charter.
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| 1599 Godfrey Heathcote. I. | 1619 Ralf Wheeldon. II. |
| 1607 Do. | 1621 Godfrey Webster. |
| 1608 Thomas Woodward. | 1622 William Boote. II. |
| 1609 Martin Bretland. | 1623 Ralf Clark. II. |
| 1610 Richard Webster. | 1624 Godfrey Heathcote. IV. |
| 1611 Godfrey Heathcote. II. | 1625 Richard Milnes. |
| 1612 Ralf Wheeldon. I. | 1628 George Dickons |
| 1615 William Boote. I. | 1634 Wm. Clark. |
| 1618 Godfrey Heathcote. III. | 1635 Ralf Clark. III. |

- 1645 Reginald Bretland. I.
 1646 Thomas Forth. I.
 1647 Thomas Bretland. I.
 1648 Ralf Clark. IV.
 1649 Richard Wood. I.
 1650 William Newton. I.
 1651 Samuel Taylor.
 1652 Reginald Bretland. II.
 1652 Ralf Clark. V.
 1653 Thomas Forth. II.
 1654 Hercules Clay. I.
 1655 Ralf Clark. VI.
 1656 Richard Wood. II.
 1657 Gabriel Wain, Captain.
 1657 Thomas Forth. III.
 1658 Wm. Newton. II.
 1659 Thomas Forth. IV.
 1660 Thomas Needham.
 1661 Hercules Clay. II.
 1662 Hercules Clay (removed) III.
 1662 John Allwood.
 1663 Richard Marchant. I.
 1664 James Milnes. I.
 1665 Thomas Pinder.
 1666 Anthony Legate.
 1667 Richard Marchant. II.
 1668 John Woodward. I.
 1669 James Milnes. II.
 1670 Richard Clark. I.
 1671 Thomas Bretland. II.
 1672 Peter Dowker. I.
 1673 Richard Youle. I.
 1674 Richard Marchant. III.
 1675 John Woodward. II.
 1676 James Milnes. III.
 1677 Richard Clark. II.
 1678 Peter Dowker. II.
 1679 Richard Coupe. I.
 1680 Richard Youle. II.
 1680 Ralf R. Naylor.
 1681 Richard Marchant. IV.
 1682 John Woodward. III.
 1683 Thomas Dowker. I.
 1684 Robert Stringfellow.
 1685 Robert Dowker.
 1686 Richard Coupe. II.
 1687 Richard Youle. III.
 1688 Fra. Houldsworth.
 1689 John Woodward. IV.
 1690 Thomas Dowker. II.
 1691 Francis Moore. I.
 1692 John Ashe. I.
 1693 Rich. Coates.
 1694 John Milnes.
 1695 David Seale.
 1696 Richard Youle. IV.
 1697 Thomas Webster.
 1698 Francis Moore. II.
 1699 John Revell.
 1700 John Ash. II.
 1701 Jacob Brailsford. I.
 1702 Thomas Bower. I.
 1703 Richard Wood. I.
 1704 David Seale. I.
 1705 Francis Moore. III.
 1706 John Rowell (? Revell) III.
 1707 John Bright. I.
 1708 Jacob Brailsford. II.
 1709 Thomas Bower. II.
 1710 Richard Wood. II.
 1711 David Seale. II.
 1712 William Woodhouse.
 1713 John Revell. IV.
 1714 John Bright. II.
 1715 Wm. Clark. I.
 1716 Christopher Pegge. I.
 1717 Jacob Brailsford. III.
 1718 Wm. Sharshaw.
 1719 Job Bradley. I.
 1720 John Revell. V.

- 1721 John Bright. III.
 1722 Wm. Clark. II.
 1723 Christopher Pegge. II.
 John Revell. VI.
 1724 Samuel Inman. I.
 1725 Job Bradley. II.
 1726 John Bright. IV.
 1727 Thos. Bower. III.
 1728 John Revell. VII.
 1729 Wm. Clark. III.
 1730 Samuel Inman. II.
 1731 Job Bradley. III.
 1732 John Bright. V.
 1733 Francis Bagshaw. I.
 1734 Richard Milnes.
 1735 Wm. Clark. IV.
 1736 Samuel Inman. III.
 1737 John Burton.
 1738 Job Bradley. IV.
 1739 Francis Bagshaw. II.
 1740 Joshua Jebb. I.
 1741 Bernard Lucas.
 1742 Job Bradley. V.
 1743 William Clark. V.
 1744 Job Bradley. VI.
 1745 Francis Bagshaw. III.
 1746 John Fidler. I.
 1747 Robert Walls. I.
 1748 Joshua Jebb. II.
 1749 Wm. Saunders. I.
 1750 Henry Thornhill. I.
 1751 John Fidler. II.
 1752 Robt. Watts. II.
 1753 Joshua Jebb. III.
 1754 Wm. Saunders. II.
 1755 Henry Thornhill. II.
 1756 John Fidler. III.
 1757 Joshua Jebb. IV.
 1758 Wm. Saunders. III.
 1759 Henry Thornhill. III.
 1760 Joshua Jebb. V.
 1761 Nicolas Twigg. I.
 1762 Thos. Clark. I.
 1763 Godfrey Webster.
 1764 Joshua Jebb. VI.
 1765 Nicolas Twigg. II.
 1766 Thomas Clark. II.
 1767 Samuel Towndrow. I.
 1768 Charles Staniforth.
 1769 Samuel Jebb. I.
 1770 Joshua Jebb. VII.
 1771 No Mayor elected.
 1772 July 8. Mandamus to compel election of Mayor.
 1772 July 15. Nicolas Twigg. III.
 1772 Robert Jennings. I.
 1773 Wm. Barker.
 1774 Samuel Towndrow. II.
 1775 John Willot. I.
 1776 Thomas Shirt.
 1777 Robt. Jennings.
 1778 Samuel Towndrow. III.
 1778 John Woollat. II.
 1779 John Elam. I.
 1780 John Willot. III.
 1781 Robert Marsden.
 1782 John Elam. II.
 1783 John Bate. I.
 1784 John Elam. III.
 1785 Thomas Dutton. I.
 1786 John Bate. II.
 1787 Thomas Dutton. II.
 1788 Mark Hewitt.
 1789 John Bate. III.
 1790 Thomas Dutton. III.
 1791 Job Bradley. I.
 1792 Thos. Dutton. IV.
 1793 John Elam. IV.
 1794 Job Bradley. II.
 1795 John Elam. V.

- 1796 John Bower. I.
 1797 Thomas Dutton. V.
 1798 John Bower. II.
 1799 John Saxton.
 1800 Thos. Dutton. VI.
 1801 John Bower. III.
 1802 Thos. Dutton. VII.
 1803 John Bower. IV.
 1804 John Elam. VI.
 1805 Thos. Dutton. VIII.
 1806 John Bower. V.
 1807 John Elam. VII.
 1808 Thos. Dutton. IX.
 1809 John Bower. VI.
 1810 George Fletcher. I.
 1811 John Elam. VIII.
 1812 Thos. Dutton. X.
 1813 John Bower. VII.
 1814 John Elam. IX.
 1815 Joseph Graham. I.
 1816 John Muggleston. I.
 1817 John Elam. X.
 1818 Samuel Dutton. I.
 1819 Joseph Graham. II.
 1820 Samuel Dutton. II.
 1821 John Elam. XI.
 1822 John Muggleston. II.
 1823 Gilbert Crompton. I.
 1824 Samuel Dutton. III.
 1825 John Elam. XII.
 1826 George Fletcher. II.
 1827 John Muggleston. III.
 1828 Thomas Wilcockson. I.
 1829 Wm. Battison. I.
 1830 Samuel Dutton. IV.
 1831 John Muggleston. IV.
 1832 Wm. Battison. II.
 1833 Samuel Dutton. V.
 1834 Thos. Wilcockson. II.
 1835 to Dec. Thos. Wilcockson. III.
- 1836 Reform Bill, Jan., Gilbert Crompton. II.
 1836-7 John Charge.
 1837-8 Gilbert Crompton. III.
 1838 Samuel Dutton. VI.
 1839 Edmund Gilling Maynard. I.
 1840 Robert Daniel.
 1841 Gilbert Crompton. IV.
 1842 Samuel Dutton. VII.
 1843 Thomas Clark.
 1844 John Gregory Cottingham. I.
 1845 Samuel Dutton. VIII.
 1846 Edmund Gilling Maynard. II.
 1847 John Gilbert Crompton. I.
 1848 John Gregory Cottingham. II.
 1849 John Walker. I.
 1850 Godfrey Heathcote.
 1851 Edmund Gilling Maynard. III.
 1852 John Walker. II.
 1853 Wm. Drabble. I.
 1854 Wm. Drabble. II.
 1855 Wm. Hewitt. I.
 1856 Wm. Drabble. III.
 1857 Wm. Hewitt. II.
 1858 Charles Stanhope Burke-Busby. I.
 1859 Joseph Shipton. I.
 1860 Joseph Shipton. II.
 1861 Wm. Drabble. IV.
 1862 Thomas Jones.
 1863 Cornelius Black.
 1864 James Ball White. I.
 1865 James Wright. I.
 1866 C. S. B. Busby. II.
 1867 C. S. B. Busby III.
 1868 James Ball White. II.
 1869 James Wright. II.

1870 James Wright. III.	1878 Theophilus Pearson.
1871 John Marsden. I.	1879 John Brown. I.
1872 John Marsden. II.	1880 John Brown. II.
1873 Thos. Philpot Wood.	1881 John Brown. III.
1874 George Albert Rooth.	John Higginbottom. I.
1875 James Wright. IV.	1882 John Higginbottom. II.
1876 G. A. Rooth.	1883 GEORGE EDWARD GEE, now
1876 John Marsden. III.	Mayor of Chesterfield.
1877 John Drabble.	

**LIST OF TOWN CLERKS OF THE BOROUGH OF CHESTER-
FIELD SINCE THE CHARTER OF QUEEN ELIZABETH,
OF THE 40TH YEAR OF HER REIGN.**

Thomas Clark.	Gervase Gardner.
1609 Godfrey Boller.	Godfrey Heathcote, jun.
1634-7 Nicolas Clark.	Elias Needham.
1677 Peter Needham (died).	1781 Richard Slater.
1688 William Champernoun (died).	Robert Waller.
1705 Ralf Adderley (died).	1818 William Waller.
Richard Sneyd.	1857 JOHN CUTTS, now Town
Marmaduke Carver.	Clerk of Chesterfield.

BURGESS ROLL, No. 1, WITH OATH.

WE, whose names are subscribed, have voluntarily, freely, heartily, and cordially, without any mental reservation, according to the true and common intendment taken the oath ensuing:—

We do declare and believe that it is not lawful, upon any pretence whatsoever, to take arms against the King, and that we doe abhor that traitorous position of taking arms by his authority against his person, or against those that are commissioned by him. Soe help us God! And we, whose names are subscribed, do in like manner freely, heartily, and cordially give our free assent to, and without any mentall reservation, and according to the true, genuine, and common sense and intendment subscribe the ensuing declaration:— Wee do declare that we hold that thereby no obligation upon us

or any other person from the oath commonly called the solemn league and covenant, and that the same was in itself an unlawful oath, and imposed upon the subjects of this Realm against the known laws and liberties of the Kingdom.

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| 28 May, 1680. | 27 Sept., 1686. |
| Thomas Dowker. | Richard Coope, mayor. |
| Sam. Bright. | Rt. Dowker. |
| Fran. Browne. | 26 Sept., 1687. |
| Hen. Booth. | Richd. Youle, mayor. |
| William Thorpe. | Richard Coope. |
| 4 June, 1680. | 30 March, 1688. |
| Robt. Stringfellowe. | John Bagshaw. |
| 14 June, 1680. | 20 Sept., 1688. |
| Ralf. R. Naylor. | Ralph Adderley. |
| John Allan. | 29 Sept., 1688. |
| Anthony Restall. | Fra. Houldsworth, mayor. |
| 27 Sept., 1680. | Richard Youle. |
| Richard Youle, mayor. | 23 Sept., 1689. |
| Richard Coope. | John Woodward, mayor. |
| 26 Sept., 1681. | Fran. Holdsworth. |
| Richard Marchant, mayor. | 20 Aug., 1690. |
| Richard Youle. | Fran. Moore. |
| 25 Sept., 1682. | Wm. Dowker. |
| John Woodward, mayor. | 29 Sept., 1690. |
| Will. Mardaunt. | Thos. Dowker, mayor. |
| 6 June, 1683. | J. Woodward. |
| John Bright. | 20 Sept., 1691. |
| Thomas Webster. | Francis Moore, mayor. |
| John Revell. | Thomas Dowker. |
| 24 Sept., 1683. | John Ashe. |
| Thomas Dowker, mayor. | 20 Jan., 1692. |
| J. Woodward. | Rd. Coates. |
| 29 Sept., 1684. | John Milnes. |
| Robert Stringfellow, mayor. | 24 June, 1692. |
| 5 Feb., 1685. | Thos. Webster. |
| Thomas Dowker. | George Porter. |
| George Ashe, alderman. | 26 Sept., 1692. |
| 28 Sept., 1685. | John Ashe, mayor. |
| Rd. Dowker, mayor. | Fran. Moore. |
| Robert Stringfellow. | George Porter. |
| Gilbert Hall. | John Milnes. |

- 25 Sept., 1693.
 Rd. (? Roger) Coates, mayor.
 John Ashe.
 Wm. Dowker.
 David Geale.
- 24 Sept., 1694.
 John Milnes, mayor.
 Rd. Coates.
 David Geale.
- 28 Feb., 1694.
 Robert Stones.
 Charles Pearse.
- 24 June, 1695.
 David Geale.
 John Rewell.
- 23 Sept., 1695.
 David Seale, mayor.
 John Milnes.
- 24 June, 1696.
 Tho. Webster.
 Jacob Breilsford.
 Will Woodhouse.
 Jonathan Slater.
- 28 Sept., 1696.
 Richard Youle, mayor.
 David Geale.
- 10 Sept., 1697.
 John Bagshaw.
 Tho. Bower.
- 27 Sept., 1697.
 Thomas Webster, mayor.
 Richard Youle.
- 24 June, 1698.
 Thomas Bower.
 Jacob Breilsford.
- 7 July, 1698.
 John Rewell.
- 26 Sept., 1698.
 Francis Moore, mayor.
 Tho. Webster.
- 25 Sept., 1699.
 John Rewell, mayor.
 Francis Moore.
- 9 Aug., 1700.
 John Pearse.
 John Lowe.
- 30 Aug., ——.
- Jacob Breilsford.
 Thos. Bower.
 Richard Wood.
 Wm. Clark.
 Wm. Woodhouse.
- 22 Sept., 1700.
 Tho. Millnes.
 John Ashe, mayor.
 John Rewell.
 Jonathan Slater.
- 8 Aug., 1701.
 Richard Wood.
 W. Godfrey.
 John Bourier.
- 29 Sept., 1701.
 Jacob Breilsford, mayor.
 John Ashe.
- 25 Sept., 1702.
 Thomas Bower, mayor.
 Jacob Brailsford.
- 27 Sept., 1703.
 Richard Wood, mayor.
 John Bower.
- 25 Sept., 1704.
 David Seale, mayor.
 Richard Wood.
- 24 Sept., 1705.
 Francis Moore, mayor.
 David Seale.
- 23 Sept., 1706.
 John Rowell (Revell), mayor.
- 28 July, 1707.
 John Bright.

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| 8 Aug., 1707. | 26 Sept., 1709. |
| Chris. Pegge. | Thos. Bower, mayor. |
| Thos. Oldham. | Jacob Brailsford. |
| Samuel Inman. | 28 Sept., 1710. |
| 29 Sept., 1707. | Richard Wood, mayor. |
| John Bright, mayor. | Thos. Bower. |
| John Rewell. | Wm. Sharshaw. |
| 27 Sept., 1708. | Job Bradley. |
| Jacob Breilsford, mayor. | Samuel Hill. |
| John Bright. | 24 June, 1711. |
| Wm. Sharshaw. | Marm. Carver, jun. |
| Richard Wheldon. | 24 Sept., 1711. |
| Tho. Smith. | David Geale <i>or</i> Seale. |
| | Ralph Wood. |

**BURGESS ROLL No. II., AFTERWARDS ELECTED AND
SWORN CAPITAL BURGESS.**

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| 24 Sept., 1781. | 4 April, 1787. |
| Adam Barber. | Wm. Wingfield. |
| 8 Oct., 1781. | 8 Oct., 1787. |
| William Wilson. | Thos. Brown. |
| 19 Sept., 1782. | Anthony Johnson. |
| Samuel Mottam. | 9 Nov., 1787. |
| Joseph Hinde. | Thos. Inman. |
| 22 Sept., 1782. | 31 Oct., 1788. |
| Thos. Dutton. | Job Bradley. |
| John Bate, gent. | 16 Jan., 1789. |
| 29 Sept., 1783. | Thos. Ottliffe. |
| Francis Moore. | Robt. Marvengale. |
| 27 Sept., 1784. | 24 June, 1789. |
| Thos. Rodgers. | John Fidler. |
| John Booth. | 11 Aug., 1789. |
| 8 Feb., 1785. | Robert Waller, gent. |
| George Gosling, gent. | 24 June, 1790. |
| 26 Sept., 1785. | Timothy Mason. |
| Gylbert Bluett. | 14 March, 1792. |
| John Cartledge. | Jarvis Prince. |
| Wm. Creswick. | 1 Oct., 1793. |
| Mark Hewitt. | John Richardson. |

- 24 June, 1794.
 Wm. Lovett.
 20 Aug., 1794.
 John Saxton.
 1 Sept., 1794.
 John Bower.
 Sam Winchester.
 29 Sept., 1794.
 George Chapman.
 11 Oct., 1796.
 Alex. Dutton.
 24 Sept., 1798.
 Adam Mitchel.
 24 June, 1799.
 Wm. Cooper.
 Joseph Cooper.
 Read Denham.
 Thos. Bower.
 Hy. Bradley.
 22 Sept., 1799.
 Thos. Trussel.
 Wm. Bainbridge.
 24 June, 1800.
 Hy. Fletcher.
 Sept., 1804.
 John Brown.
 22 June, 1809.
 George Fletcher.
 Robert Bainbridge.
 29 March, 1812.
 Sam. Dutton.
 Wm. Batteson.
 Joseph Bower.
 Richard Roberts.
 Adam Hardy.
 6 Oct., 1812.
 Thomas Wilcockson.
 Jonathan Aslington.
 John Muggleston.
 21 Nov., 1815.
 Jas. Lingard.
 24 June, 1817.
 John Walker.
 29 Sept., 1817.
 David Batteson.
 19 June, 1817.
 Richard Snibson.
 24 June, 1823.
 Gilbert Crompton, Esq.
 25 Sept., 1826.
 John Roberts.
 29 Sept., 1826.
 Joseph Bee.
 2 Nov., 1827.
 Robert Daniel.
 John Belsey.
 3 June, 1828.
 Rich. Alsop, the yr.
 John Wright.
 12 Oct., 1831.
 Wm. Nicholson.
 Joseph Betteson.
 8 Feb., 1832.
 George Shepley.
 1834.
 Thos. Wilcockson.
 1835.
 Gilbert Crompton.
 1801. *Inspected*—R. ATKINSON.

LIST OF THE CHIEF INHABITANTS OF THE BOROUGH OF
CHESTERFIELD IN THE 1ST YEAR OF KING ED. III., 1327.

Taken from the Subsidy Roll of Public Record Office.

Brimington :	Ad. fil Hugh, £4.
Robt. le Breton habet in bonis,	Henr. de Mannesfeld, 40s.
12s.	Thoms. de Skeggebi, 60s.
Cestrefeld :	Henr. le Eyr, 40s.
Rogs. de Glapwell ht. in bonis,	Henr. de Sutton, 20s.
£4.	Ad. Alkoc, £4.
Robts. Durant, c.s.	Robts. fil Gilbti, 40s.
Wills. de Hulme, 1xs.	Wills. Blome, 10s.
Reginaldus de Halliwell, £4.	Rog. Maugr, 30s.
Johes Bonde, xls.	Johes. Blome, 20s.
Johes le Barker, 30s.	Rics. de Tommeworth, 40s.
Robts. Fox, 10s.	Galfre. Wegge, 10s.
Wills. le Lorimr. 20s.	Robts. fil Felic, 30s.
Robtus. Proudfoot, 40s.	Walts. Ketell, 40s.
Johes de Mannesfeld, £4.	Robts. le Cornil, 60s.
Johes. le Mason, 60s.	
	Sm. bonor, £60. 60s.

LIST OF THE CHIEF INHABITANTS OF THE BOROUGH OF
CHESTERFIELD,

Who were taxed to the 1st Subsidy granted in the 43rd year of Queen Elizabeth, from the original Roll now in the Muniment Room of F. Savile Foljambe, Esq., M.P., of Osberton, in the County of Nottingham. This Roll is signed by John Manners, the ancestor of the Dukes of Rutland, and by John Bentley (1601).

Scarsdale Hundred.	Davyd Allen, £3.
Chesterfield :	Richard Somersal, £3.
John Long, gentleman, £10.	Thomas Wells, £3.
Martyn Bretland, £3.	Thomas Rollersink, £1.
Thomas Heathcote, £4.	Anthony Tupman, £3.
Rauf. Clark, £4.	George Dickons, £3.
Godfrey Heathcote, in land, £2	Thomas Woodward, £3.
Hugh Wheldon, £3.	Peter Needham, £3.
Thomas Reynshaw, £3.	Richard Fletcher, £3.
Thomas Ingram, £1.	John Reynshaw, £3.
Thomas Clark, £1.	John Dobbs, £3.

Godfrey Cade, £3.	Gilbert Lynacre, £5.
Robert Fourth, £3.	Thos. Foljambe, gent., £2.
John Ash, £3.	George Heathcote, in land, £2.
Leonard Matthews, £3.	John Duckmanton.
Sutton and Duckmanton :	Thos. Freake.
Sir Francis Leake, Kt., £50.	George Foljambe, in goods, £3.
Brymington, Whittington, and	Steynesby and Heath :
Dunstone :	Wm. Cavendish, Esq., in land,
Miss Jane Eyre, in goods, £6.	£40.
Walter Calow, of Brampton.	Renald Hardwick, in goods, £2.
Sir Wm. Bower, Kt., £40.	

EXTRACT FROM THE ROLLS OF THE GREAT COURTS HELD
AT WALTON,

From the Monday next after the Feast of St. Barnabas, Anno. 11. Henry IV., to the
Feast of the Purification, in the 2nd year of the reign of King Henry V., after
the Conquest. Thomas Foljambe, Lord of the Manor. (Query, for the
Hundred of Scarsdale.)

(From the Foljambe MSS.)

The Prior of the Hospital, 16d.	Wills at ye Well.
Per Hosp. St. John Baptist, 23s.	John Chapman de Walton.
John Causse, 2s. 9d.	Rob. Wydeson.
John Pker.	Roger de Hylom.
Robt. Innocent.	John Ball de Wingerworth.
Johes de Somersal.	John de Hay.
Robert de Wygley.	John Fryth de Thwathwaet.
Thos.	Walts Tayleure de Wynnesworth.
Thos. de Brigge.	Robt. Spencer.
Roger de Asche.	Roger Albo.
Ric. de Ash.	Walter Base.
John Herve.	Gervasius de Haselland.
Wills Brown.	Thomas Warkman, de ead.
John Parker de Chesterfield.	Thomas Sadbur.
Wills Dychsmyth de ead.	Robt. Hare de Docmanton.
Richard Fletcher.	Ric. Dickinson.
Robt. Fyrsote.	Johes Skire.
Ric. Shawe.	fil Alicie de Calal de Normanton.
Alicia Turner.	Will Bellasyse, 6s. 8d.
John de Hyll.	Henry Hostingshall.

Johes Hodechall.
 Robt. Innocent.
 Johes Cahal.
 Wills Watson.
 Henry Herne.
 Ric. de Ker.
 John de Ker.
 Will Bagbur.
 Roger Jones.
 Roger de Hylles.
 Ric. Berg., 4s. 4d.
 Eylingen.
 Johes Webster de Chester-
 field.
 Wills Coke.
 Thomas Barton.
 Katerina de Loy.
 Robt. de Feyr.
 Thomas Barton.
 Wills Bower.
 Johes Blome.
 John Blacklow.
 John de Lodes.
 John de Doyles.
 Wills de Standley, 18d.
 Ric. Roslyn.
 Johes Stabury de Wingerworth.
 John Halaughton.
 Wells Porter.
 Robt. de Tapton.
 Johes Barbar.
 Ric. Steple.
 Will de Alwode.
 Robt. de Dawkinson.
 Johes fil Rad Spence.
 Wills Hert.
 Wills Bradsher.
 Robt. de Lygway.
 Johes Dyneley.
 Johes Warton de Normanton.

Thos. Sawington.
 Johes Molyngton.
 Wills. Bole.
 Thos. Fcheperde.
 Johes Herne.
 Johes Holbroke.
 Margota de Selston.
 Ric. Smithson.
 Johes Power.
 Wills. Baxter de Chesterfield.
 Johes Derley.
 Thos. de Warwyk.
 Wills. de Shaw.
 John de Wells.
 Ric. Johnson.
 Jacobs, Robert.
 Johes May.
 Johes de Schaw de Somersal.
 Robt. de Hall.
 Johes Hornby.
 Thos. Morwoda.
 Rogers Chapman.
 Johes Hogeson.
 Thos. de Callal de Sutton.
 Vicarius de Dogmanton, xiid.
 Johes Arosmith de Chesterfield.
 Robt. Humbløe.
 Robt. Myleres.
 filia Johes Calcroft.
 filia Willi Greenlas.
 Thos. Mylne de Chesterfield.
 heredi Ade Chene.
 Sissota Allann.
 Baskeville's women, 2d.
 Isabella Rau.
 Augnes Serviens Johi Marischall.
 Katina Walchwoman, 4d.
 Alicia Qhwyte.
 Henricus Bugge.
 Katernia Skyry.

Gilbert de Carleton.	Willo. de Hyll.
Rich. Beatte de Chesterfield.	Johes Baister de Cowgate.
Will. Workeman.	Johes Chaworth, 4s.
Johes Edhoke.	Thomas de Bradshaw, 1d.
Rogerus de Wyngerworth.	Johes Spence de Chesterfield, 4d.
Helena de Lynister.	Johes Spence de Wyngerwath,
Thomas Day.	2s. 3d.
Dorso Richard by the Brok.	Robt. Gyleson.
Henry de Clay.	Will Mowling.
John de Buchan.	Wills Verege.
Walter Mower.	Wills de Ryggeway.
John Carter.	Hawys, 1d.
Hugo de Segrave.	Thos. Roe, 3d.
Roger de Pokelington.	Thos. de Lens, 6d.
Johes de Hanlay.	Wills Haccrow.
Ric. Hawkes.	Uxore John Webster.
Johes de Marre.	Robt. Knyfesmith.
Johes Ley.	Rich. Tuxford.
Ric. Bolleshover.	Margerita Bartrons.
Adam Somer.	Johes Jose.
Johes Paver.	Walter Spence.
Adam Schethe.	Heredes Johi Breton, 2d.
Ric. Koke.	Robt. Bocher de Chesterfield,
Johes Calcraft.	2s. 4d.
Adam Fisher.	Rich. de Hadshaw.
Willo. de Fryth.	John de Leke de Sutton, 2s. 5d.
Willo. de Pilleston.	Agnes Herne.
Johes Shaw de Wadshelf.	Robt. Sergeant.
Johes Shaw de Brampton.	Johes Bodenyht.
John de Wyglay.	Roger Beler.
Dawkin Hawker.	Johes Hyckinson de Brimington,
Wills. Elys.	4d.
Johes Stabeth, 3os. per amerce-	John in ye Dale.
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Johes Selkok.	Johes Soskwegger.
Johes Shawe.	Johes de Hatherne.
Ricardus Gareston.	Wills Hawke.
Wills. Boterer.	Willo de Stubbing.
Haddelay.	Johes de Wyggeley.
Johes Harker.	Johes de Penistone.

Johes de Clifton.	Laurencius de Brigg.
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Sissoter Sanderson.	Willo Dyckenson.
Wills Hyblyn Capellan, 4d.	Robert
Six other names illegible.	

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS RELATE TO THE APPOINTMENT
OF MR. RICHARD SLATER, AS TOWN CLERK OF
CHESTERFIELD.

Know all people by these presents, that we, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Capital Burgesses of the Borough of Chesterfield, in the County of Derby, upon the resignation of Elias Needham, Gentleman, late Town Clerk of the said Borough, have elected, nominated and appointed Richard Slater, of Chesterfield aforesaid, Gentleman, to be Common Clerk of the said Borough, in the place and stead of the said Elias Needham, To have, exercise, and enjoy the said office of Common Clerk of the said Borough and Clerk of the Statutes, so long as he shall well behave himself in the same, and to take and receive such usual and accustomed fees and salary as the former Town Clerks have had and received. In witness whereof we the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Burgesses have hereunto subscribed our names and put our Common Seal the Twenty-sixth day of June, in the Twenty-first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, and so forth, and in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-one.

Stamp, 5s. Seal.

THOS. SHIRT, MAYOR,	}	<i>Aldermen.</i>
JNO. ELAM,		
ROBT. MARSDEN,		
ROB. JENNINGS,		
STEPHEN GAMBLE,	}	<i>Brothers.</i>
JOHN DEAKIN,		
JOHN SAXTON,		
BRAILSFORD HILL,		
JOSEPH GRAHAM,	}	<i>Capital Burgesses.</i>
RICHARD PARKER,		
SAMUEL WINCHESTER,		
JAMES TUPMAN,		
RICHD. ALLSOP,		
JOHN BARBER,		
DANIEL HILL,		
THOS. SYKES,		

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

The Humble Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, Brothers, and Capital Burgesses of your Majesty's antient Borough of Chesterfield, in the County of Derby,

SHEWETH,

That whereas the Office of Town Clerk of the said Borough did lately become vacant by the resignation of Elias Needham, late Town Clerk of the said Borough, We, therefore, in his room and stead have unanimously elected Richard Slater, of the said Borough, Gentleman, Town Clerk thereof, a person every way well qualified for the said Office, and well affected to your Majesty and your Government, both in Church and State as by law established; and we humbly recommend him as such to your Majesty, and do most humbly beseech your Majesty to approve of such our election and of the said Richard Slater to be Town Clerk as abovesaid; and we, as in duty bound, will ever pray for your Majesty's long and happy reign over us. In testimony whereof we have caused the Common Seal of the said Borough to be hereunto affixed this 18th day of Sept., in the Twenty-first year of your Majesty's reign.

THOS. SHIRT, *Mayor*. (18)

GEORGE R.

(Seal. Stamp, 7s. 6d.)

GEORGE THE THIRD, by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting. Whereas, the Mayor, Aldermen, Brothers, and Capital Burgesses of our Borough of Chesterfield, in our County of Derby, have by an Instrument under their Common Seal, bearing date the Eighteenth day of September last past, humbly represented unto us that the Office of Town Clerk of our said Borough did lately become vacant by the resignation of Elias Needham, Gentleman, late Town Clerk of our said Borough, They have therefore in his room and stead unanimously elected Richard Slater, Gentleman, Town Clerk thereof, a person every way qualified for the said Office and well affected to us and our Government, both in Church and State as by law established, and have humbly recommended him to us as such, and do most humbly beseech

us to approve of such their election of the said Richard Slater to be Town Clerk as aforesaid. We having received a good character of the loyalty and ability of the said Richard Slater, have thought fit to gratify them in their request, and do hereby (according to the power reserved to us in their Charter) approve, allow, and confirm the election of him, the said Richard Slater, into the Office of Town Clerk of our said Borough of Chesterfield. Given at our Court at St. James, the Twenty-ninth day of November, 1781, in the Twenty-second year of our reign.

By His Majesty's command.

STORMONT.

RICHARD SLATER, Gent.,
Town Clerk of Chesterfield.
Approbation.

THE FOLLOWING RELATE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF
MR. ROBT. WALLER, AS TOWN CLERK OF CHESTERFIELD.

CHESTERFIELD, 12th May, 1791.

I do hereby resign and give up the Office of Common Clerk of the Borough of Chesterfield and Clerk of the Statutes, in case you will be pleased to appoint Mr. Robt. Waller in my stead.

RICHD. SLATER.

To the Mayor and Corporation of Chesterfield.

CHESTERFIELD, 12th May, 1791.

I do hereby resign the Offices of Brother and Chamberlain of this Corporation.

ROBT. WALLER.

To the Mayor and Corporation of Chesterfield.

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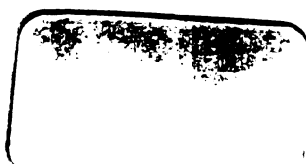
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